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## News Tracker ... What's new with old news

## States

**Investigation guidelines:** A federal judge in Brooklyn, N.Y., found sentencing guidelines unconstitutional Friday but still left an immigrant from Yemen with a tough prison term for lying to investigators probing terrorism.

U.S. District Court Judge Nina Gershon's ruling tossing out the guidelines is one of an apparently growing number of similar decisions by federal court judges after a U.S. Supreme Court decision last month that put the federal sentencing structure into question.

**Ore. same-sex marriage:** Oregon became the second state to register same-sex marriage licenses Friday after a state appeals court upheld a lower court order directing officials to record more than 3,000 marriage licenses issued to gay couples in Multnomah County.

Oregon Attorney General Hardy Myers had asked the appeals court to order a hold on registering the licenses while a lawsuit challenging the licenses is pending.

Myers downplayed the importance of registration, saying it was an administrative act that would not authenticate the 3,022 marriage licenses issued by Multnomah County earlier this year, because the Oregon Supreme Court has not ruled on the issue.

**Rudolph trial:** On Friday, a federal judge in Birmingham, Ala., refused a request by suspected serial bomber Eric Rudolph to see original notes taken by agents who investigated a fatal abortion clinic bombing.

U.S. Magistrate Judge T. Michael Putnam said the government already has given the defense hundreds of thousands of pages of formal witness statements, and Rudolph isn't legally due the rough notes that went into making those documents.

**Anthrax fumigation:** Nearly three years after being the site of a deadly anthrax attack, the former headquarters of a supermarket tabloid in Boca Raton, Fla., is being fumigated in an attempt to eradicate the deadly spores.

Months of planning and rancor over the fate of the infested complex have finally led to the cleanup Sunday, which is set to last 24 to 36 hours.



**Posey case:** Cody Posey, left, is led into the Otero County Courthouse in Alamogordo, N.M., on Friday by a transport officer to appear before a judge on charges that he murdered his father, stepmother and 13-year-old stepister, whose bodies were found near their home at newsman Sam Donaldson's ranch. Prosecutors have 30 days to decide whether to try Cody as an adult. District Attorney Scot Key said the teen could get up to 30 years if tried and convicted as an adult.

Chlorine dioxide, a chemical used to disinfect drinking water and treat fruits and vegetables, will be pumped into the American Media Inc. building to kill the anthrax spores, which have spread throughout its 65,000 square feet. Repeated tests will then determine the safety of the building before a quarantine is lifted, officials said Friday at a community meeting.

**Right-to-die debate:** The parents of a Clearwater, Fla., woman at the center of one of the nation's longest right-to-die cases are again seeking permission to enter a lawsuit over the constitutionality of a new state law keeping her alive.

The parents of Terri Schiavo filed legal papers Friday appealing last week's ruling denying them permission to enter the case brought by their son-in-law against Gov. Jeb Bush.

Terri Schiavo's husband, Michael, sued the governor over the hastily passed October law that forced doctors to reinstate her feeding tube. Michael Schiavo has said his wife, who has been severely brain-damaged for more than a decade, does not want to be kept alive artificially.

**Mad cow and cosmetics:** The government told cosmetics makers Friday they can no longer use brain and spinal cord tissue from older cattle in lipstick, hair sprays and other products.

The new Food and Drug Administration regulations come in the wake of the first U.S. case of mad cow disease last December. They are aimed at preventing the disease from reaching people, where it can cause a rare but similar fatal condition, variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease.

Consumer groups complained that the regulations are insufficient, saying the government should also ban the same tissues from younger cattle and extend the prohibition to use in animal feed.

**Bush ranch protestors:** A judge on Friday dismissed all charges against five anti-war activists who were arrested last year on their way to President Bush's ranch in Texas.

The five were convicted in February of violating the city's protest ordinance and fined \$200 to \$500. But McLennan County Judge Tom Ragland ruled the ordinance was overly broad and violated the First Amendment.

The ordinance required 15 days' notice and a \$25 fee before the police chief could issue a permit for a protest. Crawford officials have since amended the ordinance to require seven days of notice.

## World

**Bird flu outbreak:** The Thailand government on Saturday reported new outbreaks of a deadly strain of bird flu virus in two northern provinces.

Authorities discovered the virus in Uttaradit and Sukhothai provinces, bringing the total number of affected areas to four, said Yukol Limlathong, director general of Thailand's Livestock Department.

Local television station TV reported that 1,000 chickens were slaughtered in Uttaradit, while 200 were culled in Sukhothai.

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# CNMF dress down sailors if attire policy changes

BY NANCY MONTGOMERY

Stars and Stripes

Sailors and dependents in Japan seen violating the Navy's civilian dress code would be reported to their commands for possible disciplinary action — not simply told to correct the offending attire — if a proposed revision to the policy is approved.

However, toddlers would be allowed to wear tube tops, "multicolored hair" is no longer a problem and the difference between the prohibited "shower shoe" and the allowable flip-flop would be fully explained, complete with photos, under the proposed changes.

The recommendations come from several base command master chiefs and CMC Mike Driscoll of Command, Naval Forces Japan, who recently met to discuss changes to the 3-year-old policy. The policy already has been revised once but is still thought by some sailors in Japan of its provisions to be unclear and prone to inconsistent enforcement, resulting in conflict, feelings of unfairness and even humiliation.

The proposed changes, if approved in coming months by CNMF commander Adm. Frederic Ruehe, would offer more "definitive descriptions" of what's allowed and what's prohibited, sometimes even including photographs of both, Driscoll said. "What we're looking for is neat, clean and presentable. For the military, [wearing] civilian clothes is a privilege," he said.

## A tougher stance

Numerous small changes are being proposed. But the one most likely to have the most immediate effect is the change in enforcement. The policy now states that those in "positions of leadership will address discrepancies and, if appropriate, either issue a Minor Uniform Infraction Chart ... or otherwise inform the individual's command."

But few people have been reported to their commands for violating the policy, the master chiefs said.

The command master chiefs are recommending the phrase "if appropriate" be deleted from the revised policy. And they've already discussed making the infraction form smaller so they'd more easily fit into the pockets of leadership for handy hand-out.

"It has to be understood. It has to be consistent," Yokosuka Command Master Chief Joe Steadley said of the policy. "It has to be monitored, enforced, and there has to be penalties. Otherwise, it's just a piece of paper that 99 percent of the people will follow."

Steadley, who has watched hours and hours of people caught on tape as they come and go from the Navy exchange to see for himself what people are wearing and the level of compliance with the policy, said, "I sit here

and I look at it, and say, 'We don't have a problem with civilian clothes.' But I'm the old guy."

CNMF first issued a civilian clothing policy, with guidelines for sailors' off-duty attire, in 2001. In the meantime casual wear were rubber flip-flops, baggy, oversized pants and a wide variety of shirts. "It's just crap," a 19-year-old seaman was quoted in response at the time.

Last year, the dress code was revised. For the first time, family members and other civilians attached to the military were subject to its provisions, including the banning of the tank top, tube top and midriff shirt. Other guidelines were loosened. For example, shirts were allowed to be tucked and halter tops and spaghetti straps became acceptable — after an incident in which a woman in a formal dress with spaghetti straps was told she could not come on base.

Each summer the guidelines become more of an issue as people break out their tops and sandals, and sometimes are refused entry to the ship or their flip-flops are shower shoes. They're told their shirt is a tank top or their flip-flops are shower shoes.

One caller to a recent command center call-in she policy is the ban on do-rags, and no change is being recommended, Driscoll said. Wearing a do-rag — a nylon head covering originally designed for war to help style the hair, but now sometimes used in a statement worn almost exclusively by black servicemembers and their families — constitutes one of the most frequent violations seen on base. Some people, including officers and senior enlisted, argue that as long as baseball caps and cowboy hats are allowed, do-rags should be allowed.

There is a recommendation designed to make life easier for women, however, especially black women. They were being hassled about "multicolored hair" in some cases when it was merely streaked, Steadley said. As a result, the recommendation asks that "multicolored" be deleted from a

revised policy.

And the amount of midriff allowed to be exposed would be more clearly defined, from "a minimal amount" to "one inch."

"Atsugi wanted two [inches]," Steadley said. "I'd be OK with two. In my mind, two is a great number because two sometimes becomes three, and I'm OK with three."

## Taking it seriously

It might be amusing to some to think of a room full of CMCs, all middle-aged men, conferring in meetings about the allowable, viewable span of a woman's midriff or discussing the spaghetti strap versus the halter top. But Driscoll says how sailors and their families dress is a serious matter.

Three years ago, he said, he stood at a base gate and saw a variety of offensive civilian attire. "One gal, if her

pants were any lower, we would have seen her genitalia," he said. "Fashion changes. We should be somewhat witty with it."

[But] everyone needs to be reminded, it's a privilege to serve overseas. So we have standards."

Dietrich said he believes the overarching purpose of the policy is to ensure two things

about Americans' attire: "Is it decent? Would it be an embarrassment to our Japanese hosts?"

And some people are tough critics. Yokosuka's mayor, Hideo Sawada, said by e-mail that he thought local sailors looked "rather sloppy," and that he thought sailors' tattoos were "inappropriate."

Only tattoos on the face, neck and hands are prohibited by the policy, and must be covered up. Seventh Fleet, which has a similar dress code, also specifically prohibits "a split or forked tongue."

Sawada said "no citizens ever had complained to him about Americans' dress."

The idea of the CNMF dress code should be to reduce the "distance," Steadley said, between how those in the host country and those stationed there dress. "The idea is not to have distance because distance draws attention," he said.

And although he has a wider view of what should be acceptable than some of his peers, Steadley also feels some qualms about young sailors' preferences.

"We spent a lot of time and a lot of money trying to look good," Steadley said of his days as a young sailor outfitted for liberty in suits, ties and sometimes even carrying a cane.

"When we took off our sailor uniforms, we became mack-daddy lovers, players."

"Now the culture has changed a lot," Steadley continued, talking in his office to two young sailors. "I have a problem," he said, "with the sailors taking off their uniforms and becoming gangsters."

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## Check this out



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Yokota Air Base, Japan, residents Nathan Storer, 9, right, and David Knight, 10, learn about a Saurorophus, a large herbivorous dinosaur, during their visit on Friday to the Panasonic Center Dinosaur Exhibit in Tokyo.

# Navy, Guam team up to tackle terrorism

Stars and Stripes

A security exercise aimed at enhancing response capabilities of civilian and military personnel recently was completed at Commander, Naval Forces Marianas on Guam, according to the Navy.

Participants in the July 1 exercise, in which the participants responded to the report of a chemical lab, included members of the Guam Federal Fire Department; the Navy Chemical, Ordnance, Biological and Radiological Tactical Team (COBRA); Port Authority firefighters and police officers from the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands; and a New Mexico Army National Guard unit.

The response teams' objective was to enter the building, assess the situation, neutralize any resistance, contain all hazards and analyze their findings, the release stated.

The scenario was staged at Tree of Life Chapel, complete with booty traps, tripwires, several armed perpetrators and unidentified chemicals.

Capt. James Diaz, training officer with the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands Port Authority Fire Department, said the civilian and military team concept would improve the island's ability to tackle terrorism.

"If the people from the Navy come down to Saipan when we have an incident, we can merge and get a good working relationship ... for any incidents in or around Guam or Saipan," he said in the report. "So it pretty much works out for us."

Guidelines for working with the military during large-scale incidents are in place, Diaz said, and both the Navy and CNMI teams are creating new operating procedures to follow.

"We'll make sure that our [procedures] ... correspond with each other so there's no big conflicts when we respond to assist [CNMI authorities] or vice versa," said Cmdr. Tito Arandela, assistant chief of staff for security and fire for Commander, Naval Forces Marianas in the report.

The next exercise for the COBRA team is scheduled for later this month.

# Inside the long struggle with conscription

## After Vietnam, Congress went to an all-volunteer military

By MIKE FEINILBER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Greetings. Remember Dec. 1, 1969? You are male civilian born on Sept. 14 of any year between 1944 and 1950.

On Dec. 1, 1969, U.S. Rep. Alexander Pirnie, a New York Republican and member of the House Armed Services Committee, reached into a fishbowl and drew out one of its 366 blue plastic capsules. (One was for Feb. 29 of leap years.) It contained a slip of paper bearing the date Sept. 14. If you were born on that date, your draft lottery number was 1. Thousands of young men unlucky enough to have that birthday knew they could anticipate mail from their local draft board.

The induction notice actually started with the word "greeting" (some bureaucrats must have decided, one inductee, one greeting), but legend turned the salutation into the plural "greetings."

"Greeting," the message would say. "Having submitted yourself to a Local Board composed of your neighbors for the purpose of determining your availability for service in the Armed Forces of the United States, you are hereby ordered to report."

Thirty-nine years have passed since the country drafted anyone. But now, with the country told by its leaders that it could be in a 100-year war against terrorism, there is talk of reviving the draft.

Talk only, so far. It would take an act of Congress to resume drafting. Congress seems to have no appetite for that. The president opposes it and so does his principal rival for the presidency.

So does the Pentagon. Opposition comes from the political left and right. In polls, 8 out of 10 say no.

Still, says law professor Donald N. Zillman of the University of Maine, a student of the draft, "Once the election is past us in November, we may face some very hard questions. If we don't have enough people to meet the needs, we may have to draft. The re-enlistment rates for the National Guard and the reserves are way down."

Support for a new draft comes

from a handful of academics and a handful in Congress, acting, they say, in the name of fairness.

In time of war, this democracy has often had a quandary in deciding how to raise its armies. In the Civil War, in World Wars I and II, in Korea, in the Cold War and in Vietnam, the answer has been conscription — to tear from home enough men to wage the big wars.

But conscription carries problems. The country always has more young men than the war needs. (It's always been men; American women have never been drafted.) So the question becomes one of fairness: Who gets drafted, who gets excused? Fathers? College students? The clergy? Farmers? Teachers? Those who conscientiously object to bearing arms?

The flat-footed? When Pirnie reached into that fishbowl, the country had become fed up with a draft that offered too many escape hatches. So President Nixon, needing the draft for Vietnam but seeing it as a source of anti-war sentiment, decided to let the luck of the lottery decide. Over the next six years, the country had six more lottery drawings to catch young men who had turned 18 since the previous one.

After Vietnam, Congress raised the pay of soldiers and opted for an all-volunteer army, which it still has. The draft was history.

Much of that was a history of opposition and inequity. In the Civil War, Northerners could sidestep service by paying a bounty of \$300 (that was a lot) — the equal of a worker's annual wage — or by hiring substitutes to serve in their place (sometimes as much as \$1,500). Substitutes turned out to be lousy fighters, often deserting and hiring themselves out again. It was a racket.

In July 1863, in the third year of a war far bloodier than anyone had guessed, President Lincoln had run out of volunteers and instituted a call for 300,000 conscripts. That enraged anti-war Democrats who saw "a rich man's war but a poor man's fight."

An anti-draft mob of 50,000 went on a rampage in New York City.



Above: Men line up in Chicago on July 24, 1950, for physical exams after the military draft was renewed.

Cpl. Joseph Wilson, right, a medical technician, takes the blood pressure of John Janis, of Chicago.

Below: This 1863 poster seeks recruits who wish to avoid the draft by enlisting during the Civil War.

Historian John Whiteley Chambers II says the Civil War draft produced 46,000 conscripts — 2 percent of the 2.1 million-man Union army. Another 118,000 men escaped the draft by hiring substitutes.

In the manpower-short Confederacy, conscription was even more essential. But resentment was aroused by the exemptions for slave overseers on big plantations.

In World War I, President Wilson learned from Lincoln's experience and allowed no bounties, no substitutes.

The World War II draft was also vital, and successful, with 10 million inductions.

The draft aroused bitterness during the Korean War and became a fact of life in the early decades of the Cold War, something young men just came to expect. But it turned into an anvil for the protests that ultimately forced Richard Nixon to find a face-saving way to get out of Vietnam.

The Vietnam draft induced nearly 2 million men, but historian Harry Summers Jr. put the number of draft dodgers at 570,000. Of that total, only 8,750 were convicted and only 4,000 imprisoned.

With the war over, Presidents Ford and Carter pardoned most draft evaders.

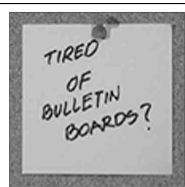
"The Vietnam-era draft was a national disgrace," Summers wrote. "A high school graduate was twice as likely to serve in the military as a college graduate."

Now, with the draft mothballed, the Selective Service System, the government agency that has overseen the draft since 1917, is left with two tasks. One is to knock down waves of rumors that the country is about to draft again. The other is to register men between 18 and 26, just in case. The agency rostrum carries 14 million young men.

In Congress, the champion of

the drive to restart the draft is Rep. Charles Rangel, a New York City Democrat who doesn't like the war in Iraq but likes even less the fact that it is being fought by a working-class army. But the Pentagon prefers a professional army, and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld argues it is wasteful to train draftees in the skills needed by a high-tech army, only to lose them after two years. He says the armed services have 300,000 men and women "doing tasks that are not military" — jobs civilians could do.

Mike Feinilber was drafted during the Cold War and served in the Army for two years. He retired recently after 22 years with The Associated Press in Washington.



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# Conflicting reports on Filipino hostage's fate

BY PAUL ALEXANDER  
The Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — Iraqi militants freed a Filipino hostage on Saturday, Philippine authorities said, just hours after Manila confirmed it would withdraw its small peacekeeping contingent from Iraq on Aug. 20 as planned.

The Arab television station Al-Jazeera, however, said it had received a message from the militants denying that truck driver Angelo dela Cruz had been released.

The Philippine government made no connection between the announcement about its troops and dela Cruz's reported release. But if the release were confirmed, it would

appear the statement by President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's administration had satisfied his captors.

In Baghdad diplomats were cautious about dela Cruz's fate.

"We don't want to derail the process," one diplomat said on condition of anonymity. "We're not going to say we have him until we see him."

The Islamic Army of Iraq-Khalid bin al-Waleed Brigade said in a statement carried by Qatar-based Al-Jazeera television that it would give the Philippine government 24 hours to ensure its sincerity, but did not elaborate.

It said the Philippines must pull out its troops by July 20 and until then, dela Cruz

would "be treated as a prisoner of war, in accordance with Islamic precepts."

Militants also tried to pressure South Korea by kidnapping one of its citizens in Iraq and demanding the Asian country call off plans to deploy 3,000 troops beginning in August. South Korea refused, and the captive was beheaded last month.

The men who snatched the Cruz near the restive Sunni Triangle city of Fallujah on Wednesday said they would kill him unless Manila pulled out its 51-member force within three days. The deadline was hours away late Saturday, when the Philippine government announced his release.

"While this man is still not in our hands, he will be brought to a hotel in Baghdad,

where he will be turned over to our people," said Labor Secretary Patricia Santo Tomas, who was staying with the hostage's family in a hotel at the former Clark Air Base.

Santo Tomas said President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo had called dela Cruz's wife to relay the news.

Jubilation broke out at the family home in northern Pangasinan province.

"I feel so relieved," said dela Cruz's brother Jessie. "We are very happy. Our village is celebrating."

The withdrawal announcement appeared to be deliberately ambiguous, reflecting the fine line that the Philippines was walking to obtain dela Cruz's release while maintaining one of Washington's closest supporters.



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# U.S. military families begin leaving Bahrain

BY ADNAN MALIK  
The Associated Press

MANAMA, Bahrain — U.S. military families have begun leaving Bahrain by the dozens, complying with a formal order to depart following reports that terrorists were planning attacks here, a spokesman for the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet said Saturday.

Cmdr. James Graybeal said dozens of family members were flown out on a U.S.-bound military flight late Friday.

"We have begun the relocation of our family members. We expect the process to take a few weeks to complete," Graybeal said.

Citing security reasons, he refused to say exactly how many people traveled on Friday's flight, bound for the naval station in Norfolk, Va. He would not say when the next flight would depart but said the evacuation would be completed this month.

Friday's flight was the first evacuation since the formal departure orders came during July 4 celebrations last Sunday, two days after the Pentagon announced the first such mandatory evacuation from this U.S. ally in the Gulf where the U.S. Navy has had a presence for more than 50 years.

"People are very sad to see

their families go, but they know this is an important mission and we are very committed to continue our mission and do our work," Graybeal said.

He said the orders affected 420 families, or about 930 people, who are relatives of service members or Defense Department civilians.

On July 1, the State Department cautioned Americans against traveling to Bahrain and advised Americans who live there to leave because of information that extremists were planning attacks.

The Pentagon said a day later that it was withdrawing service members' families from Bahrain

for at least 30 days. The State Department added last Saturday it had authorized the voluntary departure of family members and non-emergency employees of the U.S. Embassy in Bahrain.

The State Department has provided no details on the information it has about possible terrorist attacks on Americans in Bahrain.

Bahrain has stepped up security on the 15-mile causeway linking it to Saudi Arabia, which has seen series attacks on Americans and other Westerners living there. Some here have expressed fears that Saudi militants, under pressure from their security forces, might see Bahrain as an easier place to attack Westerners.

The Saudi violence has been blamed on members of al-Qaeda, the network of anti-Western Muslim extremists blamed for the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States. Al-Qaida has vowed to topple the Saudi royal family, accusing it of being too close to the United States and insufficiently Islamic.

The Bahraini king, Sheikh Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, also is close to the United States. Sheikh Hamad was one of the few Arab leaders to accept an invitation to last month's Group of Eight summit in the United States, where a U.S. initiative to encourage democratization in the Arab world was unveiled.

# Bin Laden's sister-in-law recalls close family ties

BY ALEXANDER G. HIGGINS  
The Associated Press

GENEVA — The only family member to talk openly about Osama bin Laden describes him as pious and merciless, a man so driven by his beliefs that he once desisted a water bottle to his own infant son in the heat of the Saudi desert.

Carmen Binladin, the terrorist leader's sister-in-law, says bin Laden's religious conviction was so admired by his family that she refuses to believe his relatives have stopped supporting him, as they claim.

In a new book and during an extensive interview with The Associated Press, she said a turning point in her life was a bin Laden family gathering in Taef, Saudi Arabia, one sweltering day in the mid-1970s.

Bin Laden's son began crying for water, she said, but the elder bin Laden refused to allow the baby to be given a water bottle, saying the boy should be fed water with a spoon because of Muslim teachings.

"It was not as if he didn't care about the child. But to him, the ba-



Osama bin Laden

by's suffering was less important than a principle which he probably imagined stemmed from some seventh-century verse in the Quran," Binladin said in her book, "Inside the Kingdom."

The respect her husband and Osama's 23 other brothers accorded him by accepting his decision helped persuade her to leave Saudi Arabia, Binladin says.

"From what I have seen and what I have read, I cannot believe that they have cut off Osama com-

pletely," Binladin said on the eve of a visit to the United States to promote her book, to be published in English on Wednesday.

She said some of Osama's sons are still in Saudi Arabia, working for the Bin Laden Group construction company, which the 25 brothers inherited from their father, Mohammed bin Laden.

She said there may also be ties between Osama and the royal family, despite his criticism of the royals for their support of the United States and alleged corruption within the government.

"The bin Ladens and the princes work together, very closely," Binladin wrote. "They are secretive, and they are united. They have been inextricably linked for many decades through close friendships and business ventures."

Binladin married Yeslam, one of Osama's brothers, in 1974 and lived in Saudi Arabia for nine years. She said she wrote the book mainly to explain to her daughters why she had returned with them to Switzerland. Her divorce from Yeslam is still unresolved after 14 years.

The daughter of a Swiss father

and an aristocratic Iranian mother, Binladin — dressed stylishly in a black leather jacket and jeans — spoke intensely with a French accent, smoking an occasional long, thin cigarette.

Her book has already appeared in 16 languages and 18 countries. But she said she had held off publishing it in the original English because of fears about how it would be received in the United States, where she lived for a time in the 1970s.

She and her estranged husband intentionally split their name differently than the rest of the family and Osama. But she has been reluctant to revert to her Swiss name since leaving Yeslam, saying she does not want to appear like she is trying to cover up her past.

Her U.S. publisher is releasing the book under the name Bin Ladina, apparently to help readers recognize the name.

She said her time in Saudi Arabia gave her an understanding of the closeness of the bin Laden family, which she lived in the 1970s clustered in a group of houses on the outskirts of Jeddah.

Women were required to wear

a robe covering their faces and bodies whenever they went outside the home or encountered any males outside their immediate family.

"One day, Yeslam's younger brother Osama came to visit," she said in the book. "When the doorbell rang, I stupidly, automatically, answered it myself, instead of calling for the houseboy."

She said she recognized Osama and asked him in.

"But Osama snatched his head away when he saw me, and glared back toward the gate," she said.

He made rapid back-off gestures and waved her aside, muttering something in Arabic, "but I truly didn't understand what he meant."

A nephew with Osama explained that he was forbidden to look at her face.

She said none of the bin Laden sons measured up to their father, Mohammed bin Laden, who built a construction empire from the ground up.

She said she still keeps Mohammed bin Laden's photograph in her living room because she thinks her daughters deserve to know about their background.

## Ships said to be in peril

SEOUL — South Korea has put its shipping companies on alert after an Islamic militant group threatened to destroy vessels carrying U.S. military goods in the Middle East, news reports and intelligence officials said Saturday.

The government's National Intelligence Service said it found an Arabic language Web site carrying a threat to "attack ships carrying strategic materials for the U.S. military."

It cited a South Korean shipping company and eight shipping firms from the United States, the Netherlands and Hong Kong as its targets, news reports said.

South Korean media, citing intelligence sources, reported Saturday that a militant group identifying itself as "Supreme Headquarters of Islamic Militants in Iraq" posted its threat on a Web site on July 3.

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# Future plans unclear for alleged deserter

By CHRIS BRUMMITT

The Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia — An American accused of deserting the Army 40 years ago and fleeing to North Korea spent his first full day with his Japanese wife on Saturday after an emotional reunion here, but officials said the couple had yet to discuss their future.

Charles Robert Jenkins and his two daughters were reunited with Hitomi Soga at Jakarta's international airport on Friday before heading to a five-star downtown hotel.

Japanese government spokes-

man Kyoko Nakayama said Saturday that the couple "talked long into the night but did not have any specific discussions about the future."

"The furthest they have looked into the future is to talk about whether to cook spaghetti for lunch," she said reporters.

Indonesia was chosen as the site of the reunion because it has no extradition treaty with the United States, which is seeking Jenkins on desertion charges. Japanese officials had convinced Jenkins that he was safe from U.S. prosecution here.

Jakarta has said the family can stay here as long as it wants, but Soga reportedly wants to persuade her husband to return to Japan, where he could potentially be extradited.

The family was kept out of sight of reporters in a suite in the Intercontinental Hotel on Saturday, but Soga released a statement saying she was "sincerely happy that the four of us could spend this precious time as a family in this beautiful tropical country."

The Japanese government is footing the bill for the visit, including chartering a special plane to fly Jenkins and his daughters from Pyongyang to Jakarta.



American Charles Robert Jenkins, left, his daughter Mika, center, and his wife, Hitomi Soga, right, are seen as they are reunited Friday at Sukarno-Hatta International Airport in Jakarta, Indonesia.

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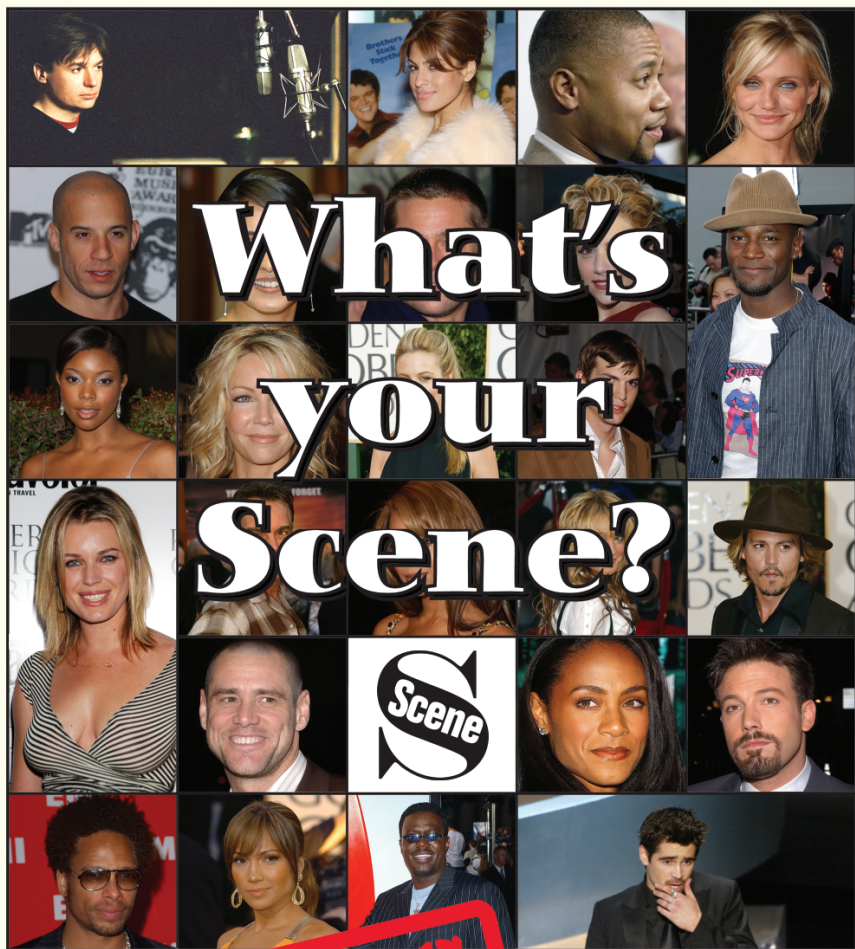
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## IN THE STATES

## Gay couples in N.J. register for more rights

New domestic partnership law allows some of same rights as married couples

BY KRISTA LARSON  
The Associated Press

MAPLEWOOD, N.J. — Hundreds of same-sex couples gathered to register domestic partnerships on Saturday, the first day of a new law in New Jersey that gives gay partners some of the same rights as married couples.

More than 200 people attended a morning ceremony marking the law going into effect. Many arrived hours early, sitting on the municipal building's steps or on lawn chairs while filling out domestic partnership applications.

"This is a very great day in New Jersey's civil rights history," said Mayor Fred Profeta. "The civil rights achieved today are very important — don't anyone doubt that."

Some 40 applications, which attest to the signers being domestic partners, had been handed out as of 9:30 a.m. After completing the paperwork, couples planned to draw numbers to determine their place in a line to receive notarization.

Cathy Schenone arrived at 7:30 a.m. with her partner, Michele Tollefson, 46. "It kind of validates that we've been together 10 years and deserve the same rights as everyone else," said Schenone, 40, of Van Nuys.

The domestic partnership law, passed in January, grants some legal rights to registered couples, including the ability to make medical decisions for each other.

It allows partners to have some joint rights in filing state taxes, to be exempt from state inheritance taxes in the case

of a partner's death and to extend the benefits given to state employees to cover domestic partners.

The law also covers unmarried heterosexual couples ages 62 and older. It does not legalize gay marriage and offers far fewer rights than those given to heterosexual married couples.

Schenone said she was pleased with the new law because she can be added to her partner's health insurance policy. "There really are some great benefits to it," Schenone said. "Hopefully it will lead to marriage."

New Jersey is the fifth state in the nation to officially recognize same-sex coupling. In April, Maine's governor signed a bill creating domestic partnerships there.

Domestic partner benefits have been granted in California and Hawaii. Vermont has approved civil unions and Massachusetts recently legalized same-sex marriage.

Catholic and conservative groups have raised objections to the New Jersey law, but so far no lawsuits have been filed to block it, said Patrick DeAlmeida, a deputy state Attorney General.

Maplewood was one of several municipalities with large gay populations that planned to open offices this weekend; most other towns didn't plan to start registering couples until Monday.

The South Orange clerk's office was opening at 12:01 a.m. Saturday to register couples.

Couples must bring government-issued identification and show proof of shared financial assets to a municipal registrar's office.



Mario-Elena Conto draws a ticket out of the fish bowl to wait for her number to be called to register for a Domestic Partnership certificate at the Maplewood Town Hall in Maple Wood, N.J., on Saturday.

## Bush pushes gay marriage ban on radio

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush says legalizing gay marriage would redefine the most fundamental institution of civilization and that a constitutional amendment is needed to protect it.

A few activist judges and local officials have taken it on themselves to change the meaning of marriage, Bush said Saturday in his weekly radio address.

Leading the chorus of support for an amendment, Bush said, "If courts create their own arbitrary definition of marriage as a mere legal contract, and cut marriage off from its cultural, religious and natural roots, then the meaning of marriage is lost and the institution is weakened."

His remarks follow the opening of Senate debate Friday on a constitutional amendment effectively banning gay marriage.

Reflecting the election-year sensitivity of the issue, Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., said Republicans are using the constitutional amendment as a bulletin board for campaign sloganeering.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, accused Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry of holding inconsistent positions.

Kerry and running mate Sen. John Edwards oppose gay marriage, but support civil unions.

Bush singled out Massachusetts' Supreme Judicial Court, which called marriage an evolving paradigm. "That sends a message to the next generation that marriage has no enduring meaning, and that ages of moral teaching and human experience have nothing to teach us about this institution," he said.

The president urged the House and Senate to send to the states for ratification an amendment that defines marriage in the United States as a union of a man and woman as husband and wife.

Senate Democrats signaled they will not throw barriers in front of the resolution, paving the way for a vote on the amendment as early as next Wednesday.

A constitutional amendment should never be undertaken lightly, Bush said, "yet to defend marriage, our nation has no other choice."

The vote puts some Democrats and Republicans in a difficult position. One senator acknowledged the political risk in trying to walk a line supporting both traditional marriage and gay rights.

"I intend to be your champion on many issues in the future, if you want me," Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore., said in remarks directed at gay and lesbian voters. Smith is a leader in efforts to make attacks against homosexuals a federal hate crime.

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# What's in a name? An insult from an official

BY MICHAEL R. BLOOD  
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — State Education Secretary Richard Riordan jokingly told a child his name, Isis, meant "stupid dirty girl," prompting widespread criticism and posing a quandary for the man who appointed him, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Riordan, the wealthy former Los Angeles mayor known for his support of public schools, started even friends last week with the comments at a promotional event for summer reading at the Santa Barbara library.

Schwarzenegger's longtime friend, called Riordan's statement to the girl "unacceptable in any context" but gave no hint his job was in danger.

But Alice Huffman, president of the California chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said Thursday that Riordan "is not capable to lead education in our state" and should be removed.

The conversation, videotaped by KEYY-TV, took place July 1. The girl, 6-year-old Isis D'Luciano, asked Riordan if he knew her name meant "Egyptian goddess."

Riordan replied, "It means stupid dirty girl."



Isis D'Luciano, right, and her mother, Trinity Lila, are shown in June 2003, in Santa Barbara, Calif. At a visit to a library on July 1, California Education Secretary Richard Riordan joked that the 6-year-old's name meant "stupid, dirty girl."

After nervous laughter in the room, the girl again told Riordan the meaning of her name.

"Hey, that's nasty," he said.

A day later, Riordan issued a statement that said he "teased" the girl. "I immediately apologized to her, and I want to do so again for the misunderstanding," Riordan said.

The girl's mother, Trinity Lila of Goleta, said her daughter was fine, and she considered the issue over.

"Obviously it hurt her feelings, but she didn't take it personally. She knew he was wrong and she let it go," Lila said. "I'm not going to sue them for therapy bills."

# Descendants revisit famed American duel

BY JEFF LINKOWS  
The Associated Press

WEEHAUGHAN, N.J. — With pistols at 10 paces, descendants of Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr will settle an old score this weekend.

But this time, it isn't personal.

Douglas Hamilton, a fifth-great-grandson of Hamilton, and Antonio Burr, a descendant of Burr's cousin, will re-enact the July 11, 1804, duel that left Hamilton mortally wounded and a sitting vice president's reputation in the gutter.

"There's no bad blood. On Hamilton's deathbed, he said he bore no ill will toward Aaron Burr," said Douglas Hamilton, an IBM salesman from suburban Boca Raton, Ohio. The re-enactment offers a chance to explore both men, and afterward "we can have a beer together."

The bicentennial event, the first re-enactment of the duel in 40 years, comes on the heels of Ron Chernow's best-selling biography "Alexander Hamilton," a study that has burnished the founding father's image as a financial and political visionary and re-connected him to accomplishments that stand to this day.



COURTESY N.Y. PUBLIC LIBRARY/AP  
This is a monochrome copy of an oil painting of Alexander Hamilton by John Trumbull.

More than 1,000 people were expected to attend Sunday morning's re-enactment near the Hudson River, about a quarter-mile west of the actual duel site, which no longer exists. Sixty descendants of Hamilton will attend, as will 40 members of the Aaron Burr Association.

All Berg of the Weehawken Historical Commission, the event's organizer, said there is renewed interest in both men and a willingness to question whether Burr really was a villain and Hamilton was blameless. The event will give equal weight to both as it explores the men's collision course.

# Car dealership accused of taking troops for ride

BY SONIA BARISIC  
The Associated Press

NORFOLK, Va. — Dennis Johnson wanted to buy a car so he could go home to see his family.

So when the 19-year-old lance corporal at Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station in North Carolina spotted a business card in the barracks for a dealership offering military discounts, he eagerly dialed the toll-free number.

That's how, he says, he ended up being taken to a dealership he wasn't initially told was three to four hours away in Virginia and buying an overpriced car because he was afraid he'd have no other way to get back.

Johnson is one of at least nine young enlisted military members stationed in North Carolina who have told similar stories of being taken for a ride by a York County used car dealership named Carland, which is under investigation and could be put out of business.

Carland owner Ronnie Neff maintains that he treated the servicemembers well and that he's being unfairly singled out by Virginia authorities and the military.

"Our car lot is very, very laid back," Neff said in a telephone interview. "We don't pressure anybody to buy anything."

Neff is accused of using deceptive practices and frauding customers by not fully explaining details within sales contracts and not properly identifying the dealership in advertising. He also allegedly used transport and temporary tags improperly.

The Virginia Motor Vehicle Dealer Board investigated Carland after complaints from servicemembers at Cherry Point, Fort Bragg and Camp Lejeune, where Carland is on a list of businesses off-limits to Marines. One sailor who had been at Lejeune when he bought his car since has transferred to the naval hospital in Portsmouth.

The board held a fact-finding hearing June 22. The hearing officer has 90 days from that date to recommend what the state should do. Neff could lose his dealer's license or have it suspended, and he could pay up to \$1,000 in civil penalties per violation.

Neff said he intends to appeal if he's found guilty. The matter eventually could wind up in court.

Johnson, of Clintwood, said in a telephone interview that he is upset with Carland.

"I'd like for them to take the car back and their license be taken away from them so they wouldn't do to other people in the military what they've done to us," Johnson said.

Johnson bought a 2000 Pontiac Sunfire with 41,350 miles on it from Carland in February; the engine later went out when Johnson was visiting family but was fixed under warranty.

A copy of the retail installment

sales contract shows the total price of the car, after financing, was \$26,421. The Kelley Blue Book valued such a car at \$8,385, according to dealership paperwork obtained by the press.

Johnson said he left Carland with only two sheets of paperwork and without knowing the exact cost of the car or that his annual percentage rate was 19.99 percent.

Neff said some young military customers end up paying such interest rates on their car loans because they had poor or limited credit histories. He also said the bank sets the rates.

"To tell you the truth, I feel like these kids, we try to help them," he said. "We're not out to hurt them."

Neff also said that servicemembers, including Johnson, signed "30 to 40 pieces of paper with the price on it," so there was no reason they would not know how much the cars cost. He said he gave the customers all their paperwork.

The servicemembers learned about Carland after seeing ads around base — in most cases, a business card that said "Call Kim" at a toll-free number. The cards did not give the name of the dealership or state that the dealership was in Virginia.

Investigators think "Kim" was a code word for the dealership to track whether the caller was from a military base. Candace Williams, a saleswoman at Carland, testified at the hearing that there is no "Kim" at the dealership. Neff said a woman by that name worked there some years ago.

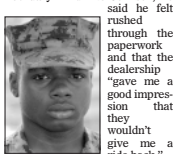
When Lance Cpl. Roosevelt Kitchen, 18, called from Camp Lejeune and asked for Kim, he said he was told she was not there that day.

He ended up speaking with Neff.

Kitchen said in a telephone in-

terview that, like Johnson, he figured the dealership was in North Carolina. Once the van that picked him up to take him to the business was well on the interstate headed north, the driver told him it would be a three-hour trip to Virginia.

Like Johnson, he arrived at Carland around 10 p.m. one night in February. And like Johnson, he



Kitchen

said he felt rushed through the paperwork, and that the dealership "gave me a good impression that they wouldn't give me a ride back."

Kitchen said he believes his signature was forged on some of the paperwork. Neff said all the signatures were valid.

Kitchen bought a 2000 Dodge Intrepid with 63,174 miles on it.

The total cost, after financing, was \$25,929. His annual percentage rate was 16.99 percent. The maximum Blue Book value of such a car is \$10,565.

Kitchen said the car drove fine for about two weeks but then developed problems, such as stalling at stoplights.

He said he was driving home to visit family when the car died for good. A mechanic concluded that the oil went dry, but Kitchen said he had had the fluids checked before leaving for the trip.

The car was a loss, Kitchen said. The warranty wouldn't cover the repairs because it was deemed operator fault.

"I thought when I got the car I was going to be out of hardship," said Kitchen, of Camden, Ga. "When I got the car, I had more hardships."

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Former President Bill Clinton responds to a question from the audience before a book signing last week at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia. Clinton's book has sold out at most U.S. bases in the Pacific.

# Clinton's new memoir tough to come by on Pacific bases

BY NANCY MONTGOMERY  
Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — What has more than 900 pages, regularly costs \$35, mentions Monica, Hillary and Newt, and can't be bought at most U.S. military bases in the Pacific?

"My Life," Bill Clinton's new memoir, which has broken sales records nationally, quickly sold out this week from Yokosuka's Navy Exchange, Yokota Air Base's exchange, Yongsan Garrison's post exchange and Kunsan Air Base.

That wasn't a complete surprise: Most stores received small numbers of the book.

Yokosuka NEX manager Dave Thompson was surprised when, after researching the matter, found that his NEX, the largest overseas Navy store in the world, received only 29 copies in its first shipping. "Twenty-nine copies — for us, that's pretty low. I would have looked more for 120 copies," he said.

The main store at Yongsan Garrison in South Korea ordered 30

copies, and all are sold out; Camp Foster's Okinawa bookstore sold all 40 copies; Yokota BX also sold out 40 copies; Atsugi Naval Air Facility's bookstore has one of 20 copies left and Camp Zama's bookstore has half of its 20 copies left.

People at Navy Exchange headquarters primarily decide what books, and how many, to send to its stores, Thompson said. The largest exchange, in Pearl Harbor, did not, however, sell the most Clinton memoirs, according to an NEX memo: the book has sold best in the San Diego NEX, which had sold 129. Navy-exchange-wide, 922 copies of the book have been sold since its release June 22. "Our headquarters was very happy with the book," Thompson said.

Thompson said local book vendors have ordered more copies, which should arrive sometime within the next two weeks.

New shipments of books and magazines arrive each Friday, he said, and workers have brought "more urgency" to getting things on the shelves faster.

It was unclear why the stores

received such small numbers of the book. AAFES Okinawa spokeswoman Air Force Sgt. 1st Class Amanda Glenn said she'd been told the problem "was at the publisher's end." That could not be immediately confirmed.

The Clinton autobiography has been likened to another publishing sensation, the Harry Potter books. Thompson said the Yokosuka NEX got about 240 copies of the most recent Harry Potter, and anticipated huge sales based on how swiftly the previous Harry Potter book had sold. But the new Harry Potter didn't exactly fly off the shelves.

The Yokosuka NEX sold out of another best-seller, "The Da Vinci Code," then ordered more copies, which didn't sell as well.

The Clinton book was expected to be a hit, but sales have exceeded expectations, Paul Bogardus, executive director of publicity, promotion and media relations for publisher Alfred A. Knopf, told United Press International. In two weeks, 1.25 million copies were sold, Bogardus said.

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## Jackson's prosecutor ordered to take stand

SANTA MARIA, Calif. — In a highly unusual move, the judge in the Michael Jackson child molestation case ordered the district attorney to take the stand and explain why a private investigator's office was searched.

Superior Court Judge Rodney Melville was trying to determine if the videotapes and computer hard drives taken in November 2003 from the office of investigator Bradley Miller violated Jackson's attorney-client privilege.

The defense said Miller was working for the pop star's then-lawyer, Mark Geragos.

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Tom Sneddon said he did not know Miller was working for Geragos when authorities with a search warrant broke into Miller's office with sleighhammers.

The potentially explosive witness stand confrontation between Sneddon and current Jackson defense attorney Thomas Mesereau Jr. had been expected at Friday's hearing. Melville was visibly annoyed when a delay was sought by defense attorney Robert Sanger.

From The Associated Press

## Love misses court date, reportedly hospitalized

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Rocker Courtney Love was taken to a New York hospital on her 40th birthday after she missed an arraignment on an assault charge in California, her lawyer said.

"It's not a suicide attempt, not drug-related, not drug-overdose related," attorney Michael Rosenstein said from Los Angeles on Friday.

"It's a gynecological medical condition for which she is receiving treatment," he said. "This is all thirdhand; I have not spoken with her since last night, when she complained of medical problems, had not seen doctor and as a result the situation was exacerbated."

Photographs showed Love on a stretcher, and published reports said witnesses saw the singer being put into an ambulance outside her apartment in Manhattan.

The New York City fire and police departments said emergency personnel responded to that address Friday and took a woman to the hospital. They did not confirm the woman was Love.

Fire department spokeswoman Firefighter Susan Blake said EMS responded to a report of a miscarriage at Love's address about 5:15 p.m. Friday and transported a woman to Bellevue Hospital. Police said a 40-year-old woman was taken to Bellevue but did not confirm that a miscarriage had been reported.

The woman was placed in handcuffs because she was refusing medical attention but was no longer

in police custody, according to Officer Jennifer Everleth, a police department spokeswoman.

Everleth said she did not have information about the woman's medical condition.

Earlier Friday, a warrant was issued for Love's arrest when she failed to appear in a Los Angeles court for arraignment on a charge of assault with a deadly

weapon stemming from an April 25 incident at the home of her former manager and ex-boyfriend.

Rosenstein told a Los Angeles court that Love was in New York City and was

confused about whether she was required to be at the hearing in Los Angeles.

Court Commissioner Dennis E. Mulcahy said there was no excuse for her failure to appear. He said she forfeited her \$55,000 bail and he set a new bail of \$150,000.

The New York Times and the New York Post reported Saturday that police had been called to Love's apartment earlier Friday with a report of bottles being broken.

Samuel Jackson, a fashion designer who was there, told the Times he saw Love draw her blinds after paparazzi serenaded her with "Happy Birthday." An ambulance reportedly arrived shortly afterward.



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Glen Campbell, center, who is currently serving a 10-day sentence for an aggravated DUI charge, performs for about 1,000 inmates inside Maricopa County Sheriff's Tent City Jail on Friday in Phoenix. Maricopa County Sheriff officer Kelly Wilson, top, keeps an eye on inmates. Accompanying Campbell is band member Ken Skaggs on the guitar.

## Inmate Glen Campbell performs prison concert

The Associated Press

PHOENIX — Glen Campbell, nearing the end of his 10-day sentence for extreme drunken driving, gave a free 30-minute concert Friday night for 1,000 inmates at Maricopa County's outdoor jail.

"Tent City, you're gentle on my mind," Campbell sang during his opening song, the million-selling "Gentle on My Mind." He per-

formed several of his Top-10 hits on a makeshift stage atop a flatbed truck with some hay bales as a contrived backdrop.

Campbell, 68, was arrested in November near his posh Phoenix home after causing a minor traffic accident.

He pleaded guilty in May to extreme DUI and leaving the scene of an accident, then began his jail term on July 1 with his final eight days set up as work-release.

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## FACES 'N' PLACES

# Zeta-Jones doesn't stumble

## Actress chooses stellar roles, well-known directors

BY BARBARA VANCHERI

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

The shapely brunette slips on the freshly mopped floor and goes down. Hard. Loses her dignity and the heel on one of her shoes.

It's a laugh, a meet-cute for Catherine Zeta-Jones and Tom Hanks in "The Terminal" and perhaps a signal that, despite appearances to the contrary, her character, Amelia, really doesn't have the wobble by the tail.

She has been a flight attendant since age 18, has been seeing a married man for years, is an avid reader of history books and regularly lies about her age. Amelia tells everyone she's 33, men think she's even younger, but she's really 39.

"She's a vulnerable woman," Zeta-Jones, 34, said in a phone interview from Los Angeles. "And then, her dreams didn't come true in the way she thought her Prince Charming would come riding on a white stallion, and she's kind of confused by that... She's a really good girl and she has a wonderful heart, and she doesn't quite understand what went wrong. And I think she's a creature of habit... We all know women who have a pattern, even women who just go back to the guy who beats them."

No one's beating anyone in the movie. No homicidal hoodlums, either, unlike "Chicago," the Rob Marshall dazzler that won Zeta-Jones an Academy Award for best supporting actress.

Hanks is Viktor Navorski, a resident of the fictitious Krakozhia whose country erupts in a coup while he's traveling to John F. Kennedy International Airport. After the lands, he learns he cannot leave the airport, but he also cannot return home.

"Currently, you are a citizen of nowhere," he is informed.

Viktor, who speaks almost no English at the start, ends up adopting the airport, with its Burger King and Brookstone and Starbucks and other chains, and the airport employees take him under their wing, too.

He befriends Zeta-Jones, a flight attendant who regularly breezes through, but there isn't the standard Hollywood romance. She calls it a beautiful friendship between kindred spirits.

"It's more of a courting. The art of courting, of being friends before you're lovers, is slowly slipping away from us, in the life and in the movies."

It was a phone call from director Steven Spielberg that sealed the deal for Zeta-Jones, who knew Hanks was set to star. "Steven called me up and said, 'I have a script that I'm really proud of, that I'm going to direct, and I'd love you to read it and see if you want to come on board.'"

Zeta-Jones is on a roll with good directors, work-

ing with Steven Soderbergh on "Traffic," Rob Marshall on "Chicago," the Coen brothers on "Intolerable Cruelty" and, now, Spielberg. "Actors go for a long career without having the ability to work with such talent. I feel very privileged."

The terminal, which included four working escalators, was built from the ground up in a hangar in Palmdale, Calif. "It even smelled like an airport, just the extras and the stores and the sheer expanse of it, it just blew my mind," says Zeta-Jones.

Asked if she has a new appreciation for airport workers, Zeta-Jones mentions a BBC-produced documentary about life at London's Heathrow Airport.

"I was really fascinated by it, just they have a paparazzi group that just goes to the airport, and I'm not usually fascinated by paparazzi," says the woman who sued a magazine over unauthorized photos from her wedding to actor Michael Douglas.

Actors and flight attendants are both peripatetic creatures, living out of suitcases, setting up home in different locations around the world.

"I can completely relate right now. I flew in from Spain two nights ago, worked all day yesterday, did Jay Leno's show, did the premiere, woke up this morning, been talking since God knows when, and I'm having one of those transient what-countrys-an-I-in moments and that hits you in the stomach kind of midday. What time is it? What time is it in my country? What time is it here?"

She has been in Spain filming "Ocean's 12" — she plays a European Interpol agent and can finally use her own Welsh accent — and next will head to Mexico to reunite with Antonio Banderas for "Zorro 2."

Zeta-Jones, who had to execute much fancier footwork in "Chicago," took the opening spill in "Terminal" a few times but says, "And then, we had to get someone in who really wanted to break their coccyx bone (which rests at the end of the spinal column) and would actually get paid to break their coccyx bone."

And speaking of Chicago, her voice flows with extra warmth when Marshall, prepping "Memoirs of a Geisha," is mentioned. "He's probably the most inspirational person I've ever met, and he makes you just want to do your absolute best and you'll do anything for him — and we did."

### Making reading fun

"Harry Potter" author J.K. Rowling was praised for making reading "cool" as she received an honorary degree from Edinburgh University in Scotland.

The university's graduating student gave Rowling a hearty round of applause Thursday as she was handed the degree of doctor honoris causa, one of the university's highest accolades, in recognition of her contribution to children's literature.

Professor Pamela Munn said the impact of the "Harry Potter" series on children around the world has been phenomenal.

"Reading has become cool with even the most reluctant readers, in the shape of teenage boys, being caught up in the world inhabited by Harry Potter," Munn said at the ceremony.

### No to pink guns

Britain's advertising watchdog upheld a complaint that a poster for hip-hop duo OutKast that showed a smoking gun was irresponsible and could be interpreted as glorifying gun use.

But the Advertising Standards Authority threw out another complaint that the poster, which shows one band member in a white suit and bowler hat and the other wearing a white cap and holding a pink gun, promoted racial stereotypes.

A spokeswoman said the ruling meant that OutKast could stop using the poster, which promotes their double album, "Speakerboxx/The Love Below."

OutKast said that because the gun was pink, readers would realize the image was ironic.

### Axl Rose rejected

A federal judge has rejected a request by singer Axl Rose to stop an independent record label from releasing an album called "Hollywood Rose: The Roots of Guns N' Roses."

Cleopatra Records in Los Angeles had purchased the rights to some recordings of Hollywood Rose, which included Axl Rose and Jeffrey "Izzy Stradlin" Isbell, who later formed Guns N' Roses.

Rose, also identified in court documents as William Bruce Ballou, and other GNR members Saul "Slash" Hudson and Michael "Duff" McKagan objected to the release of the album when they learned of its title.

### Wrong prince visits

Prince Charles delighted hundreds of schoolgirls by organizing an extra day's vacation.

While attending celebrations marking the centenary of St. Paul's Girls' School in London, the heir to the throne exercised his royal prerogative Thursday to ask the head teacher to give the 680 pupils an extra day off.

"As a way of garnering cheap popularity, if I can ask the High Mistress, if you could possibly have an extra day's holiday at some stage, I'm sure it will be very well deserved," he said during his speech. The head teacher quickly agreed.

The prince got a laugh when he remarked that his visit "may have been very much more successful if I had brought my two sons," William, 22, and Harry, 19.

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# Experts, downers and moles

## A guide to office roles and the people who fill them

By JOE HOLLEMAN

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

The 1999 film "Office Space" pointed out the inherent insanity of the modern workplace, and how much time and energy we spend there. On the small screen, the BBC show "The Office" has mined the same ground.

So who are all those people who populate our work worlds for 40 or more hours a week? Jack Dougherty, a corporate communications specialist in the San Francisco area, said these people are the same, everywhere.

"Once you get 10 people together, they find a default position, they fall into a pattern of behavior," said Dougherty, founder of Dougherty Diagnostics and co-author of "Most Likely To Be A Success."

No, without further ado, a list of common office annoyances. Please note that this list is not comprehensive.

**1. Loud Talkers:** When more than four people share a workspace, at least one of them will fill that space with 95-decibel voices. They either are physically incapable of whispering or, more likely, they think everyone is interested in what they have to say. Forget earplugs, because it only make us (oops, I mean "them") try even harder to be heard.

**2. Angry Man (or Woman):** No matter what happened — in the news, at the morning meeting, over the weekend — it really kicked off Angry Man. If your office is liberal, Angry Man is for George Bush.

Conservative? John Kerry. If you're apolitical, Angry Man is irked by your apathy. When all else fails, Angry Man gets mad because everyone else is not.

**3. One-Uppers:** Did you just get back from a week in Florida? Well, they just got back from two weeks in Aruba. Your airplane ticket was \$250? Theirs was \$199. If you lost 8 pounds, they lost 10 — and they didn't even have to do a diet. Whatever interest-

ing experience you have had, they had it twice, for twice as long.

**4. Super Parents:** Be careful. Even if you can't take one more story about Johnnie's home run at T-ball or how Heather's dance teacher says Heather is the finest under-10 tap dancer she's ever seen, keep quiet.

To criticize Super Parents can sound like you are criticizing kids, and that's not good. Besides, the kids wish Super Parents would shut up, too.

**5. The Experts:** Aka "Cliff Claven," after the know-it-all from "Cheers." They are especially dangerous because any subject can set them off. Make an innocuous comment about weather and you get a 15-minute explanation of geothermal anomalies inherent to alluvial plains. But the really annoying part is that, every so often, they actually come in handy.

**6. Moles:** Skulking around the office, hovering over your desk while you type, appearing silently in the midst of every conversation, they trade in information. Information about you, if they can get it. They know who's dating whom and they had too much to drink at the office party. They also float conspiracy theories about hirings, firings and layoffs.

**7. The Downers:** Bad luck and hard times visit us all. But what about those who always are having a tough time? Don't they understand that a lot of the time, the best response to "How are you?" is "Fine." And if they don't have a tragedy of their own, they'll tell you about their neighbor's sister's husband with some incurable disease. For fun, sit them next to ...

**8. The Uppers:** How can smiling, happy people be so utterly annoying. They go so perky and bubbly that you can just feel the psychic breakdown sneaking up on them. Their desks have lots of little poems and inspirational messages stuck here and there. If they have anything "Ziggy" on their desk, it's way too late to help them.

# Adobe upgrade not keeping up

Q. I was running Adobe Reader 6.0 when an announcement popped up saying that there was an upgraded version, 6.0.1, available from the Adobe Systems Inc. site. Supposedly, this upgrade had some patches and fixed some bugs with the 6.0 reader. I downloaded and installed the upgrade.

Since then, the reader works fine if I open it as a stand-alone application or if I double-click on a PDF file on my system. However, if I'm in Internet Explorer and I click on a link to a PDF file, I get an error message stating that Acrobat Reader cannot be found. To add complexity, if Adobe Reader is already open when I click on the link, the document opens. I've tried uninstalling and reinstalling, but the same thing happens. —Jon Freyer

A. During that Adobe Reader upgrade, something probably caused your browser settings to switch off the permission for your browser to run plug-ins from third parties. That is why documents with the Adobe PDF extension will open when you click on them outside the browser.

So open Internet Explorer, click on Tools and Internet Op-

tions and then select the Advanced tab. There you will find a series of check boxes for numerous options, and there almost certainly will be no check mark in the one to permit third-party plug-ins.

In the unlikely event that something got jumbled in the browser software's innards to cause this shunning of Adobe, you can restore Internet Explorer to its original state when your computer came out of the box. You then can follow the prompts to go to the Microsoft Web site to do the upgrades you have installed over time.

The drill here is the same as you used to uninstall Adobe Reader.

Click on Start and Control Panel, select the Microsoft Internet Explorer and click on Remove. Instead of totally removing this software, Windows XP will restore the browser to its original state. The browser cannot be erased totally because it is built into the operating system.

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6,430.77	5,430.77	NYSE Composite	6,500.40	+26.82	+4.2
1,778.81	938.73	Amex Index	1,261.16	+6.11	+4.9
2,153.83	1,640.88	Nasdaq Composite	1,946.33	+1.61	+5.4
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Luxit	27,925	1.46	+0.08	SPOR	20,981	117.75	+31	Oracle	49,468	35.75	+40
NextGen	20,981	4.17	+0.29	GenElec	15,649	35.17	+40	GenElec	49,468	35.75	+40
TXI Corp	15,649	38.77	-1.68	Semtech	50,661	112.65	+74	Stratus	37,373	35.75	+40
Textnet	25,186	22.80	+1.31	Whelan	41,171	30.00	+25	Apple	49,468	35.75	+40
EMC Corp	23,407	10.35	-1.10	GenElec	36,681	102.37	+39	Volvo	37,373	35.75	+40
NokiaCorp	120,248	14.67	+5.56	ESpanjan	32,180	18.20	+25	AsicMedia	49,468	35.75	+40
Pliger	137,949	45.03	-1.4	GenElec	21,523	84.00	+38	Veritas	49,468	35.75	+40
Chips	118,113	18.13	+0.13	GenElec	27,591	27.99	+28	Veritas	49,468	35.75	+40
CompAs	103,971	25.81	-1.7	Crysalis	14,827	25.00	+25	Veritas	49,468	35.75	+40

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Adiant Technology	18	65.00	67.00	+23.6
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KEY MUTUAL FUNDS				
Name	Vol	Low	High	% YTD
Fidelity Invest. Growth	56.21	8.87	+0.4	+0.4
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## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Japanese yen (July 12)	106.00
S. Korean won (July 10)	1,131.00
Euro	\$1.2708
British pound	\$1.5170
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.5180
Canada (Dollar)	1.2010
Denmark (Krone)	6.0044
Egypt (Pound)	2.8100
Euro	\$1.2400
Hong Kong (Dollar)	\$0.7990
Hungary (Forint)	202.55
India (Rupee)	46.85
Israel (Shekel)	4.4853
Jordan (Dinar)	0.2947
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2947
Lebanon (Pound)	1.5180
Philippines (Peso)	55.76
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	5.0000
Singapore (Dollar)	1.7016
Switzerland (Franc)	1.2338
Thailand (Baht)	46.85
Turkey (Lira)	1,449,275.00
U.S. Dollar	\$1.0000

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military bank facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For non-currency exchange rates in Germany, see your local military bank facility. Commercial rates are inter-bank rates provided for reference only. Buying currency. All figures are foreign currency to the dollar, which is represented in dollars-to-euro, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

## PRECIOUS METALS

New York Merc	
Gold	\$407.50
Silver	\$6.461
INTEREST RATES	
Prime rate	4.25
Discount rate	2.75
Federal funds market rate	1.25
3-month bill	1.27
30-year Treasury	6.50
Source: The Associated Press, Bank of America, Bloomberg.com	

## Cents and Sensibility

### Money tip of the day

## Credit card rewards

CBS MarketWatch  
NEW YORK — Consumers who have felt the pinch of high gas prices are turning to gas-reward credit cards to save at the pump.

The Wall Street Journal reports that credit-card companies are seeing increasing interest in their reward programs, particularly those for fuel reimbursement. In turn, companies have been heavily promoting reward programs.

Reward cards are a type of credit card where you earn something, either rebates or points, for purchases you make. These aren't your typical store-sponsored credit cards — reward programs are offered by major credit-card companies and can be used anywhere.

Potential rewards include airline tickets, merchandise or fuel reimbursement, car rebates, cash rebates, investments or even contributions to a college-savings plan. Each program has dif-

ferent promotions and conditions regarding how you can earn and spend your rewards.

While getting something back for your purchases may sound like a good idea, be sure to read the fine print. Reward cards typically have an APR about 4 percentage points higher than other credit cards — around 14 percent to 16 percent.

Because interest charges could easily catch up what you'd save on gas, a reward credit card makes the most sense if you pay off the balance every month.

Limit the number of reward cards you own. Using multiple cards prevents you from racking up points toward any one reward.

To find a rewards program that works for you, visit [www.creditcards.com](http://www.creditcards.com), [www.credit-reviews.com](http://www.credit-reviews.com) or [www.creditcardcenter.com](http://www.creditcardcenter.com). The sites allow you to search for and compare available credit cards.



## OPINION

## Because of Lay, firms can't turn a blind eye

The (Baltimore) Sun

More than two years after the massive implosion of Enron, the now-bankrupt energy giant, a complex criminal investigation has finally worked its way through layers of former executives to the inevitable, a federal indictment unsealed Thursday against the company's founder and former chairman, Kenneth L. Lay. For former Enron employees and investors and many others collaterally damaged by the sudden collapse of what was once the seventh-largest U.S. company, the long-awaited sight of Lay surrendering in handcuffs to authorities in Houston had to be richly satisfying. To boot, the Securities and Exchange Commission also came in (Thursday) with civil charges against Lay.

As to the fraud charges against him, Lay's guilt or innocence will be determined in court, after what doubtless will be exceedingly lengthy and costly litigation involving highly technical matters. But if, as promised, Lay's defense is that he simply didn't know anything about the gross financial misdeeds transpiring in the bowels of Enron, that seems patently preposterous at the outset.

Here is a trained economist who took a minor-league gas pipeline company, navigated it through the uncharted world of energy deregulation and, in the process,

transformed it into a global trading colossus; a savvy political player whose mountain of donations to the Bush campaign earned him enormous friendship and authority in the current White House; and a corporate leader who, despite internal warnings that Enron's shell game was unraveling, kept on urging his employees and others to buy its stock—all the while continuing to sell his. And Lay didn't know? Given the pervasiveness of the alleged corruption at Enron, that's real hard to swallow.

*Lay didn't know?  
... [That's real  
hard to swallow.]*

In the halcyon days of the 1990s stock market boom—which seems so distant now, doesn't it?—Lay was not shy about enjoying an opulent lifestyle. He had the homes, the jets, the contacts and, at one time, \$400 million. With the company's rapid fall in late 2001—its stock plummeted from more than \$80 a share to next to nothing in less than a year—he became a powerful cultural symbol of ill-gotten gains. But whatever happens now, Lay's legacy will have less to do with greed than with the necessity for greater corporate accountability.

Of course, Enron unfortunately was just the first mammoth corporate scandal in a shock wave of frauds and bankruptcies—WorldCom, Global Crossing, Adelphia Communications and Tyco International—still rippling through boardrooms, courtrooms, Wall Street and the American economy. In their wake, a new



era, however unsettled and imperfect, is emerging, one in itself because it failed to keep its weapons clean.

Under the new rules, U.S. chief execu-

tives must regularly pledge in writing to regulators that they understand and take responsibility for their companies' books. That and other such new regulations may not entirely prevent the next Enron. But Enron's saga shows they are much-needed steps—and likely Lay's most enduring legacy. If "I didn't know" ever cut it, it doesn't anymore.

## U.S. troops can survive war-caused stress disorder

BY MICHAEL FUMENTO

Scraps Howard

If you know of the infamous face slap in the film "Patton," you know that war-related psychiatric problems have long provoked controversy and sometimes been blamed on cowardice. It doesn't help that what's collectively known as "post-traumatic stress disorder" doesn't show up on X-rays, brain scans or blood tests.

Thus the authors of a July 1 New England Journal of Medicine study performed a vital service by being the first to assess the mental health of troops immediately after their tours rather than years later. Further, they were the first to collect information before the stress occurred. Finally, they showed that the worry of stigmatization prevented 40 percent of those who needed help from seeking it.

The researchers, from the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, surveyed more than 6,000 Army and Marine infantry either before or soon after they deployed. Before, about 5 percent of respondents met the strict criteria for post-traumatic stress disorder—about the same percentage as in the U.S. general population. After completing their tour, about 6 percent of Afghanistan veterans and twice that number of Iraq vets were diagnosed with the stress disorder.

There was a general correlation between the amount of combat and level of stress disorder; almost a fifth of the troops with the stress disorder reported being in more than five firefights. But it's not just combat that causes the disorder, and the conflict in Iraq is tailor-made to mess with a soldier's head. It's a guerrilla war in which soldiers frequently die without warning from remotely detonated explosive devices. In Vietnam, our troops often complained that the enemy couldn't be seen. But in Iraq, it may well be that the enemy isn't even there.

When there is face-to-face combat, attacks are usually instigated by the enemy; 92 percent of respondents reported being attacked or ambushed, the study found. Soldiers see the suffering of innocent civilians everywhere because they are the enemy's main target; three-fourths of respondents said they observed ill or injured women or children they couldn't help.

But that's hardly the end of it.

Forty percent of our Iraq troops are from National Guard and Reserve units (though they weren't part of this study). While they are performing admirably—many just weren't psychologically prepared for war. Not that anybody is exempt from post-traumatic stress disorder, a large portion of the troops in the study were from the crack 82nd Airborne Division.

We also have many soldiers in support units who may have expected war, but not up close and personal. This led to the fiasco

in which Jessica Lynch's maintenance battalion couldn't defend itself because it failed to keep its weapons clean.

Want more? It's been almost a century since we've fought an enemy that doesn't take prisoners—unless to murder them. And it must be tough to risk your neck for people who often spit on you because they're convinced you're there to colonize them.

Yet the worst mental enemy in war is uncertainty. In Vietnam and Desert Storm you knew when you'd be leaving. But President Clinton slashed the Army from 18 divisions to 10 and President Bush won't expand it. Thus we're both stretching reserves to the breaking point and bitterly disappointing troops who were told they'd soon be home with their families.

Yet there is good news. Casualty rates for the Iraq and Afghan wars are tiny compared to previous wars. Restoring somebody's psyche is easier than raising the dead. Fur-

ther, we've come a long way from the Patton treatment. Indeed, the U.S. government sent troops devoted exclusively to studying and treating post-traumatic stress disorder.

And although Vietnam vets also had a high stress-disorder rate, the representation of the vet who "goes postal" with an automatic rifle, is an add-on, or can't keep a job that doesn't involve holding a cardboard sign is a media myth.

Viet vets are as successful, if not more so, in virtually every way than those who didn't serve. Indeed, all vets—combat and otherwise—give society a special group of people with different perspectives than non-vets.

Our troops can face down and defeat any enemy, including the mental demons of war. Then they will provide a rich source of tough, motivated civilians for decades to come.

Michael Fumento, U.S. Army Airborne 1978-82, is a senior fellow at Hudson Institute.

## Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



## Post-office scare

**VT** BENNINGTON — Federal authorities are considering criminal charges stemming from a hazardous materials scare at the town's post office last week.

The office was shut down for a few hours after employees found white powder leaking from an envelope. The substance turned out to be Vicodin, a prescription painkiller.

The envelope was sent to a Bennington resident and postmarked from Scottsdale, Ariz., said James Adams, a district manager for the U.S. Postal Service in New Hampshire.

Adams said that the envelope was mailed from an individual, not a business or hospital.

Any crime related to the incident would be prosecuted federally by U.S. postal inspectors and the U.S. Department of Justice, he said. While the incident is under investigation, Adams said he was confident that it would be resolved relatively soon.

## Immigrants nabbed

**TX** SWEETWATER — More than two dozen illegal immigrants from Brazil and Mexico — many sick from the heat and in need of food and water — have been detained after police received a tip that people were jumping from the back of a tractor-trailer rig at a truck stop.

The U.S. Customs and Border Protection agency said the immigrants had been in the back of the rig for at least a day. All were examined by emergency medical personnel, but none required treatment.

Of the 29 taken into custody on Wednesday, 25 were from Brazil and four were from Mexico. Four of the immigrants were women.

Authorities searched for several hours for five immigrants who ran from police.

## 3rd time's the charm?

**CT** NEW HAVEN — Bill Curry, a twice-defeated Democratic candidate for governor, says he's considering running for a third time. Curry, 52, says he'll decide in the fall after he completes a book on ethics. Curry, a former state controller, lost twice to John G. Rowland, the Republican governor who resigned last week amid an impeachment investigation and federal corruption investigation.

## School bus pollution

**NH** NASHUA — The Environmental Protection Agency is giving New Hampshire a \$100,000 grant to help reduce school bus pollution. At least 45 school buses in Manchester and Nashua will be upgraded with filters and other equipment that will cut diesel fumes by 30 percent. Pollution from diesel engines can worsen conditions such as asthma.

## King statue planned

**GA** AUGUSTA — Augusta sculptor John Savage was contracted to design and build a life-size bronze statue of Martin Luther King Jr. It's expected to cost about \$45,000. Planners hope to unveil the statue at next year's commemoration of the civil rights



## AMERICAN ROUNDUP

leader's birthday on Jan. 15. Some want the statue to be on Broad Street, which runs through the city's downtown.

## Arsenal survival

**IL** ROCK ISLAND — The Rock Island Arsenal escaped the last round of base closings, but area development officials want to keep it in business. The Quad-City Development Group and the state have hired two Washington-based lobbying firms to promote the arsenal's manufacturing center and logistical commands. About 6,000 people work at the arsenal, making weapons systems and armored door kits used on Army Humvees.

## Earthquake recovery

**CA** PASO ROBLES — Most of the 42 businesses displaced from downtown buildings damaged in December's big earthquake have reopened, officials said. They're predicting dramatic improvements in the area by next year. "We just had a glowing economic forecast," Mayor Frank Mescham said. The magnitude-6.5 quake killed two women and caused \$239 million in property losses.

## Rattlesnake scare

**MT** LIVINGSTON — Two young tourists on a walk in the Paradise Valley found themselves on a hillside infested with rattlesnakes, and used a cellular

phone to tearfully ask for help.

Izzy Effler, 13, and Morgan Beadwell, 12, climbed the hill Tuesday to see if they could make cell-phone contact with friends back home in Colorado.

"We were just going up for a hike and my dog sniffed out a hole," Izzy said. She said a rattlesnake "struck at me" but did not bite. Then Morgan stepped on one, ran away from it and another appeared.

Izzy summoned her friend, and as the girls from Loveland, Colo., stood together, six rattlers moved in around them.

The girls called Brian Effler, Izzy's father. He said that when he got the call, the girls "weren't talking, they were sobbing."

Effler and his teenage nephew ran up the hillside with a pellet gun in hand. They shot two rattlers before reaching the girls, Effler said. After two snakes slithered into holes, the girls saw a clearing and began making their way down the hillside.

Rattlesnake trapper Rusty Junhke, who was called to help, said he saw 25 to 30 snakes in the area where the girls had been waiting.

This is a dangerous time of year to hike in rattlesnake country because it is the snakes' shedding season, and they may be more aggressive than usual, Junhke said. He advised carrying a long stick on hikes.

"This way the snakes will go for the stick and not your foot or leg," he said.

## Return of the gray wolf

**NM** ALBUQUERQUE — A judge has rebuffed an effort by ranching groups to shut down the Mexican gray wolf reintroduction program, saying the animals' survival is more important than minor economic losses.

U.S. District Judge Ma. Christina Armijo rejected a preliminary injunction of the program despite ranchers' allegations that wolves have attacked cattle and could breed with dogs to create a hybrid species.

"In this case," Armijo wrote in her order Tuesday, "the balance of hardships and the public interest weigh in favor of allowing the reintroduction and translocation efforts."

## Spider attack at store

**NH** LACONIA — A 20-year-old grocery clerk is recovering after apparently being bitten by a black widow spider hidden in a bunch of grapes.

Vista Foods clerk Garrett Cota-Robles was bitten on Wednesday and was hospitalized at Lakes Region General Hospital.

Cota-Robles' mother, Gretchen Preston, says doctors expect her son to make a full recovery, although he was in considerable pain.

Jim Prive, vice president and general manager of Associated Grocers of New England, confirmed a store employee had been bitten by a spider.

He said it was unclear whether the spider was a black widow but Laconia Fire Chief Ken Erickson, who said he saw it, believes it was. Erickson said he and other firefighters happened to be at the hospital when the victim was brought in.



## Unidentified outfits

Sisters Emily, 8, left, and Bethanie Schmitt, 6, make their way to the stage for the Alien Costume Contest at the International UFO Museum and Research Center in Roswell, N.M.



## Rollin' on the river

The Pittsburgh Institute of Technology's entry in the Kenwood Anything that Floats Race, a giant egg carton, makes its way down the Allegheny River to the confluence of the Ohio River during the Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regatta.



## Pedaling home

Kate Rowan, 29, of Charlestown, Mass., rides the bicycle she plans to use to commute to work during the Democratic National Convention.



## Bikers 'n' Brando

Streak, left, and Radar Ashley, of Grass Valley, Calif., stand in front of a larger-than-life wooden likeness of actor Marlon Brando in front of Johnny's Bar and Grill in Hollister, Calif.



**Open wide**  
in Greeley, Colo.

Ryan Schaefer of Loveland, Colo., opens wide to gulp down a bowl of beans during the annual Bush's Baked Beans bean eating contest at the Rocky Mountain Stampede



**Smooth descent**

Bruce Martin, 16, of Port Republic, Va., guides his powered parachute to a grass landing strip along Port Republic Road east of Harrisonburg, Va., as a cumulonimbus thunderstorm cloud looms in the distance.



**High flyer**

A member of the Project Bandaloo team rappels from the face of the new 27-story Rendezvous tower at Resort Atlantic City Hotel Casino in Atlantic City, N.J.

## New law stymies charity

**TX** DALLAS — A Muscular Dystrophy Association fund-raising campaign came up short this year, but it wasn't because the economy is still slow to rebound.

Firefighters were restricted from soliciting for money on or near public streets by a new city panhandling ordinance and couldn't meet Dallas Fire-Rescue's \$350,000 goal for the Fill the Boot campaign.

The Dallas Firefighters Association president, Mike Buehler, said "the grand total was \$60,000, about \$300,000 less than what we had last year."

Firefighters had asked the City Council to make an exemption to the panhandling ordinance that began shortly after last year's campaign. But Council members upheld the ordinance and declined to provide an exemption to avoid discriminating against anyone.

## Saved from a swim

**FL** ST. PETERSBURG — Stranger than a fish out of water: a kitten in the bay.

When Maggie Rogers spotted something bobbing in the water three miles into the Gulf of Mexico while on a scalloping trip with friends, she assumed it was a turtle or a piece of sea kelp.

But as the boat got closer and slowed down, she discovered it was a tiny, apricot-colored kitten. Nine inches long and screeching, the cat was paddling furiously.

"We scooped him up and he sat on the boat with me for eight hours," said Rogers, who is the finance director at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium.

The boaters on the 17-foot Scout Current Drift did not know how the kitten arrived in the Homosassa Bay. There were at least 40 boats in the crowded area where he was found, they said.

## Juror judged

**MO** KANSAS CITY — Barbara Sparkman's attempt to duck jury duty nearly landed her in jail.

Sparkman, 54, was serving as an alternate juror in a murder trial when she left a message Thursday morning with court officials, saying she was too stressed to continue.

Circuit Judge Thomas Clark wasn't pleased and ordered deputies to find Sparkman and bring her to court to explain herself.

Sparkman told Clark and her co-jurors that she didn't want to view crime scene and autopsy photos, that she had an asthma attack Wednesday night and that she was worried about her mother in a nursing home.

Clark then told the jury to pick Sparkman's fate: one day in jail, a return trip to the jury pool next week or a sentence of sitting somewhere in the courthouse for the rest of the trial.

Jurors decided against jail, but chose the other two penalties.

## Fizzy fruit for kids

**OR** PORTLAND — Your kids want soda pop, but you want them to have fruit.

Some Oregon State University researchers are working on a com-

promise that will keep everyone happy: fizzy fruit.

The researchers are working on carbonated apples, pears and other juicy treats.

Texas neurobiologist Galen Kaufman discovered fizzy fruit by accident. He was on a sailing trip and bit into a pear that had been chilled with dry ice. The fruit had absorbed the CO<sub>2</sub> and had a fizzy like soda pop.

Now Kaufman is working with OSU professor John Henry Wells. They hope to find a way to carbonate fruit on a commercial scale. The researchers say fizzy fruit should be a big hit with kids and their parents.

## Strikingly slow commute

**MA** WORCESTER — Striking transit workers and the management firm that runs Worcester's bus system may not return to negotiations for as long as two weeks, a union official said. The stalled talks present a major inconvenience to the system's regular passengers. They face limited alternatives to the 8 bus routes serving Worcester and 13 surrounding communities.

## Florida felon voters

**FL** TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Division of Elections has done an about-face and decided it will allow voting by almost 2,500 former felons whose restored voting rights had been threatened with revocation.

The agency initially said state law required that former felons be deleted from the voter rolls because they had registered to vote before they were granted clemency. Florida is one of seven states that do not automatically restore felons' civil rights after they finish their prison sentences.

Secretary of State Glenda Hood backtracked on the issue Wednesday.

"It goes without saying that our guiding principle throughout this process will be to err on the side of the voter," Hood said in a statement.

## Scenic commute

**NJ** TRENTON — The state Department of Transportation is planning 40 miles of scenic drives along several major highways.

NJDOT Commissioner Jack Lettiere said the plantings not only give motorists a more pleasant view but also save maintenance dollars by reducing the amount of grass mowing. Total cost is about \$6,000, including equipment for planting.

## Seeking Medicare pay

**AL** BIRMINGHAM — Nearly 100 hospitals from Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi have filed suit against the federal government. They're seeking more than \$261 million in Medicare payments they claim they were denied because of an incorrect payment formula for labor costs. The Alabama Hospital Association said the practice has been going on for years, though the suit only covers fiscal 2003 and 2004. An official with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services said the agency doesn't discuss pending lawsuits.

From The Associated Press

# Horoscope

The moon in Gemini is a friendly, productive influence. If you find yourself on the phone for twice your usual minutes, don't be surprised, but do consider getting on a new phone plan that accommodates this loquacious astrological vibe. You'll feel like staying home and doing as much as you can from that base of operation.

## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(July 12). This year you educate yourself well, letting others enrich you with their experience. You don't have to go through the pangs this way! Now through the beginning of September is the time to knuckle down and make some serious money. Romance blossoms out of a solid friendship base this fall. Love signs are Aquarius and Pisces.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** When it comes to adjusting to the unexpected, you're a real pro, sort of like the NBA basketball player who can shift strategies mid-air. You'll get points for grace. Loved ones are looking on in awe. What a role model.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** There are so many loose ends that require your attention that it's challenging to focus on one thing at a time — but one thing at a time is the only way to finish. Allow yourself to miss some in order to get into the mood to work.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Your home life is humming with energy.

Realizations about where you are and where you want to be cause you to shift into high gear. It's like you're seeing your world from the point of view of a stranger who just wandered in.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** The spotlight is on your reactions. What you do with new information is original, whimsical and surprising to those around you. You truly know what it is to feel light of heart.

Don't follow every lead. Be selective.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Usually, your luck comes from just being who you are — a charismatic person. But

today, the odds are also in your favor as "dumb luck" befalls you! Tonight, the decision is yours to make — so why is everyone else involved?

## VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

Being solid in your own opinion gives you a terrific base from which to help others — and helping others is how you're joyfully fulfilled. You might deliver the funniest e-mail anyone has seen in a long time.

## LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

Taking in art, literature, music and intelligent conversation will get your gears aligned again. You'll be back in a creative mode in no time. Perfect solutions are born of this fertile mind-set. Your choices reflect maturity.

## SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

Because you're a possibility thinker, you'll be asking yourself the tough questions — like "Should I really be living in this town?" Put yourself on the back for being brave enough to even consider leaving what you know.

## SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

You love to portray the one who's got it all figured out, a big player and a real cool cat. And by stepping into the role, you do become this to some extent. But try to allow yourself room for vulnerability, too.

## CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

Your sense of community is strong, and you take your responsibility to society at large very seriously — something that shows not only in the activities you choose but also in the attitude you adopt.

## AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

Reach to the outer corners of your network. Connecting with people in a similar position will be the key to success. You'll be rounding out your support group with some impressive and knowledgeable individuals.

## PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

Though the workweek has just begun, you're already thinking of vacation. Don't wait for your drive to kick in — it may not accept. Set a low key for your journey. Not all offers of help are great to accept. Tune in to your sixth sense.

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## Calvin and Hobbes



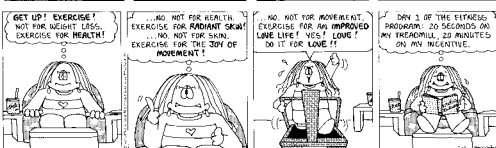
## Jump Start



## Zits



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## Hi and Lois



## Beetle Bailey



## Red and Rover



## Better or Worse



## Peanuts



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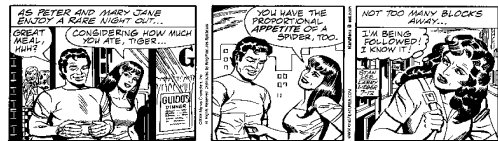
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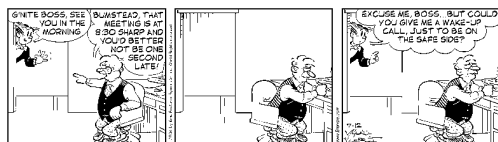
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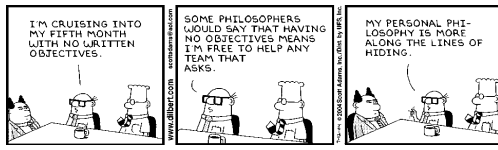
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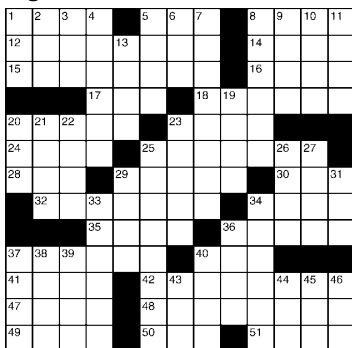
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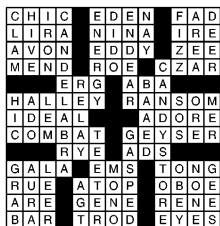
## Eugene Sheffer Crossword



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15 Field game  
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18 Chews the scenery  
20 Kaspárov's soldiers  
23 Thrice Dill  
24 Was contrite  
25 Kegler's pastime  
28 Man-mouse leader  
29 Kermit's sound  
30 "Town"  
32 Toxophilite's sport  
34 Greek cheese  
35 Meadows  
36 Entourage  
37 Crafty  
40 Mess up  
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42 Field game  
47 Scandinavian man's name  
48 Motivates  
49 Vanished  
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51 Act
- 2 Breakfast for Brutus?  
3 Calendar abbr.  
4 Quick trip  
5 Gershwin heroine  
6 — relief  
7 Race place  
8 Mississippi city  
9 Tend a text  
10 DNA component  
11 Succumbs to gravity  
13 Red-ink entry  
19 Coconut juice  
20 Expert  
21 Emanation  
22 Have on
- 23 "Wuthering Heights" locale  
25 Kitchen container  
26 Unfavorable votes  
27 Courage  
29 Masticate  
31 "Norma —"  
33 Split in two  
34 Ban  
36 Preliminary measure  
37 Urban problem  
38 Head light  
39 No-hit legend  
40 Existence (Lat.)  
41 One or more  
44 Exist  
45 Appomattox VIP  
46 Hallucinogenic drug

## Answer to Previous Puzzle



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## CRYPTOQUIP

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF AN ANGRY BIRD WERE TO LAND ON A DOORKNOB, I GUESS IT WOULD FLY OFF THE HANDLE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals S

# Adjusting to child's homosexuality

**Dear Abby:** I noticed that my 16-year-old daughter wasn't her usual self. So I questioned her one night and asked if there was anything bothering her, or if she was worried about something. She started crying and told me she is gay.

I responded by crying with her and asking her if she was sure. She said she was. I told her she is still my daughter and I love her very much, but that I can't help hoping she's just confused and that as time goes on, she might see that this is not who she really is. I'm trying my best to accept it, but it is difficult at times.

Please help me understand if my feelings are normal.

**—Confused Parent in Texas**  
Dear confused: Your feelings are normal. Most parents have plans and dreams for their children, and your child has turned out differently than you expected. I admire your daughter for her courage and honesty in telling

you about her orientation, and I admire you for making it safe for her to do so.

Your next step is to contact PFLAG. I have mentioned this organization many times before in my column. It offers support groups, educational outreach and more to families and friends of gay, lesbian, intersexual and transgendered family members. The web site is [www.pflag.org](http://www.pflag.org) and the telephone number is (202) 467-8180. Please don't wait to contact them. They will welcome you with open arms.

**Dear Abby**



**Dear Abby:** I am nearly in my 30s and have this little problem. I tend to fall in love really easily. I sometimes can't tell if it's love, lust, or just a strong connection.

I have lost some very good friends because I became insecure and jealous when they showed an interest in other peo-

ple. They weren't leading me on, they weren't giving me mixed signals—I just fell for these people.

Last week I was so depressed I didn't eat for four days because of an incident like this. I got jealous because the object of my affections was on a date.

Rationally, I know I need to be there as a friend because most great relationships are built on friendships first. How can I tame my heart and not fall so easily?

**—The fallen in D.C.**

**Dear Fallen:** It isn't your heart that needs taming—it is your insecurity! When people encounter needy, clingy, jealous people, their instinct is to run, not walk, in the opposite direction. Counseling could help you. You must get a grip and learn to like yourself more. Once you do, you'll feel less threatened if someone you like wants to take his (or her) time before making a commitment.

Letters for this column—with your name and phone number—should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69410, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at <http://www.ueexpress.com/dearabby> Universal Press Syndicate

## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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**Answer:** □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

**Jumbles:** CHAOS TONIC CRAFTY BAKERY

**Answer:** What the comedian made when his car hit the building — A NASTY "CRACK"

## THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Agrinor  
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

A "□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □" (Answers follow)

# Marriage stifled by depressed wife

**Dear Annie:** I have been married to "Doris" for 30 years, and we have three grown children. Doris and I have not been intimate for over two years, and our sex life wasn't so great before that. We don't sleep in the same room, much less the same bed.

Doris and I get along OK, but I've lost all desire for her. In fact, I don't really want to be married to her anymore. We never go out together. We eat our meals at different times and in different areas of the house. We spend most of our time in separate rooms, reading different books or watching different television shows.

Doris has withdrawn not only from me, but also from our children, her family, friends and neighbors.

The only thing Doris seems to be interested in is exercise. She spends 20 hours a week running, bicycling and working out.

How can I get out of this unfulfilling marriage and minimize

**Annie's Mailbox**



the hurt I will cause Doris and my children? Can you at least confirm that I am justified to be thinking about this?

**— Miserable in Denver**

**Dear Denver:** You are justified. However, it sounds to us as if Doris is clinically depressed, and she may be going through menopause as well. The constant exercise probably makes her feel good because it releases endorphins (natural pain relievers) into her bloodstream.

Has Doris discussed her lack of libido and her social isolation with her doctor? Ask her to look into this before her attitude wrecks what's left of your marriage. She needs to understand how close to the brink you are.

**Dear Annie:** I have worked for my current employer for six years. I started out doing grunt work and ended up as assistant

manager. As soon as I became pregnant, however, I was demoted. Two months ago, our manager took a job in another city. I thought I would be moved back to the assistant manager's position.

When nothing happened, I called my district manager, and he said, "I figured you would not want that position because you are a mom." I was incensed. Worse, they hired a man, and I am training him.

I have made up my mind to quit. Am I overreacting?

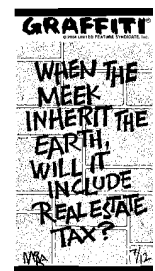
**North Dakota**  
**Dear North Dakota:** Has your district manager been living under a rock for the past 20 years? Demoting you when you became pregnant, and passing you over for a promotion because you have children, is called sexual discrimination, and you can sue the company. We recommend you contact a lawyer.

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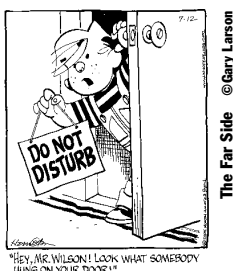
## Family Circus



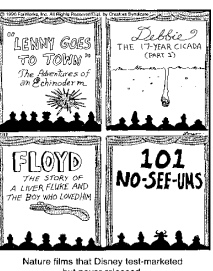
"Randy Johnson pitched a perfect game at 40, so I have 33 years to go."



**Dennis the Menace**



**The Far Side**



**Non Sequitur**



Nature films that Disney last-marketed but never released

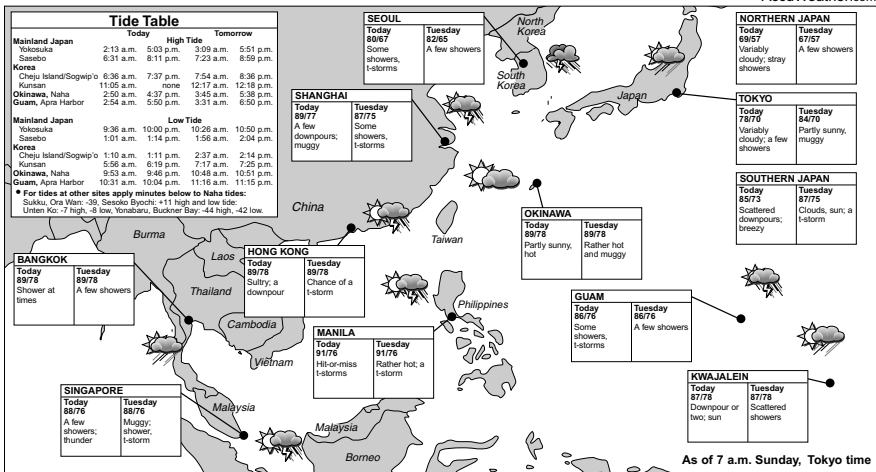




# The Pacific Forecast

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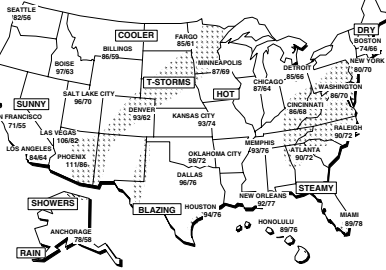
## Extended Forecasts

<b>TOKYO</b> Wednesday: Showers, high 79, low 70. Thursday: Showers, high 82, low 73.	<b>KADENA</b> Wednesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 89, low 76. Thursday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 89, low 76.	<b>SEUL</b> Wednesday: Showers, high 83, low 68. Thursday: Thunderstorms, high 84, low 62.	<b>MANILA</b> Wednesday: Showers, high 89, low 76. Thursday: Showers, high 89, low 76.	<b>HAGATNA</b> Wednesday: Thunderstorms, high 88, low 78. Thursday: Showers, high 88, low 78.
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## Saturday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	91/68	Los Angeles	80/62
Amarillo	93/68	Little Rock	89/72
Anchorage	79/56	Louisville	90/74
Ashville	87/65	Miami	91/79
Baltimore	86/68	Milwaukee	77/62
Birmingham	93/73	Nashville	89/72
Bismarck	88/64	New York	85/68
Boise	89/67	Omaha	91/73
Boston	81/64	Orlando	95/73
Brownsville	93/75	Philadelphia	86/66
Buffalo	78/60	Phoenix	109/88
Burlington	80/56	Pittsburgh	83/66
Charleston, SC	93/77	Portland, OR	74/56
Charlotte	93/72	Portland, ME	78/58
Cleveland	82/65	Salt Lake City	95/68
Columbus, OH	88/70	St. Louis	88/73
Duluth	73/60	San Antonio	91/74
El Paso	96/73	San Diego	74/66
Hartford	84/61	San Juan	90/77
Helena	90/58	Tampa	94/76
Indianapolis	85/70	Tulsa	94/74
Jacksonville	95/74	Washington	88/73
Kansas City	90/73	Wichita	94/73

## Monday, July 12



## U.S. Extended Forecast

A cold front over the central Great Plains will gradually gather steam and move eastward Monday. Along and ahead of this front, thunderstorms will rumble in the western Midwest Monday, the central Ohio River Valley Tuesday, and finally the mid-Atlantic and Southeast Wednesday. Behind this front, unseasonably cool air will surge southward from Canada. Meanwhile, high pressure will build over the United States initiating a warming trend through the period. A few thunderstorms will flare up over the eastern Rockies and western Plains as an upper-level disturbance passes through those regions.

## Monday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	89/78	Iwakuni	87/73
Beijing	81/68	Kadena AB	89/78
Camp Casey	79/66	Kunsan AB	81/69
Christchurch	48/34	Kwajalein	87/78
Diego Garcia	82/75	Manila	91/76
Hagatna	86/76	Misawa AB	69/59
Hanoi	88/74	Osan	81/69
Hong Kong	89/78	Perth	61/45
Honolulu	89/76	Pusan	85/69

## Monday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Acapulco	90/77	Buenos Aires	61/46
Athens	91/72	Kiev	72/50
Auckland	53/43	Kuwait	111/82
Baghdad	111/81	London	58/47
Barbados	89/73	Madrid	86/59
Barcelona	67/54	Mexico City	70/56
Berlin	59/45	Montreal	82/66
Bermuda	85/74	Mogadishu	82/72
Brussels	57/35	Moscow	74/54
Budapest	90/77	Novosibirsk	64/39
Cairo	106/73	Osaka	77/61
Cancun	88/73	Paris	58/40
Cape Town	64/43	Rio de Janeiro	69/59
Geneva	59/42	Rome	76/54
Istanbul	86/66	St. Petersburg	68/52
Jerusalem	93/64	Stockholm	67/49
Johannesburg	64/39	Warsaw	69/45



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## MONDAY EVENING / JULY 12, 2004

MOVIES

SPORTS

J	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30
6	AFN-P	ESPNews	Headline News	60 Minutes II (CC)	Cold Case "Sherry Dallas" A man confesses to murdering his grandmother 14 years ago. (CC)	To Be Announced	Headline News	The Tonight Show (CC)	Late Show (CC)			
7	AFN-ATL	6:30 Guiding Light (CC)	General Hospital (CC)	Headline News	Judge Judy (CC)	Today (CC)	Lilo & Stitch: Sinker (CC)	Digimon: Digital Monsters	Spy	Even Stevens		
8	NEWS	CNN Daybreak	Access Hollywood (CC)	Good Morning America (CC)			Headline News	ABC World News This Morning (CC)	The Early Show (CC)			
9	SPECT	40:00 NASCAR Racing Nextel Cup Series - Talladega 500. From Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet, IL (Taped)		***SportsCenter			***Soccer Poland vs. United States. From Soldier Field in Chicago. (Taped)		***Swimming U.S. Olympic Trials. From Long Beach Calif. (Taped)			
10	SPORTS	Average Joe: Hawaii (CC)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Procty" Benson. Stabler identifies the remains of stabbing victims. (CC)	Monster Garage "Under the Hood" Lessee reminisces about his favorite monsters. (CC)	The New Detectives: Case Studies in Forensic Science "Forensic Trust" A woman and her daughter are lost. (CC)		***"Devil in a Blue Dress" (1995, Mystery) Dennis Washington. Tom Sizemore plays a mysterious man. (CC)					
14	TMC	(15) *** "Checking Out" (1989, Comedy) Jeff Daniels, Melanie Mayron, Michael Tuohy. An airline exec becomes obsessed with his own mortality. (CC)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (CC)	***"An Officer and a Gentleman" (1982, Drama) Richard Gere, Debra Winger, Louis Gossett Jr. A hardened loner falls in the Naval Aviation Corps. (CC)	Antiques Roadshow Limited edition 1930s-era color buttons, German doll, quilt. Part 3 of 3 (CC)	History Detectives An old board game that resembles Monopoly. 10 watercolor. (CC)	Liberty! The American Revolution (Part 2 of 6) (CC)	Charles Rose (CC)				
25	SHOW	Clifford the Big Red Dog Charity Auction (CC)	Dragon Tales Once he leaves his home of the dragons, Clay. (CC)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (CC)	Antiques Roadshow Limited edition 1930s-era color buttons, German doll, quilt. Part 3 of 3 (CC)	History Detectives An old board game that resembles Monopoly. 10 watercolor. (CC)	Liberty! The American Revolution (Part 2 of 6) (CC)	Charles Rose (CC)				
27	A&E	(13) *** "Eight Men Out" (1988, Drama) Steve Buscemi, John Goodman, Kevin Spacey. A team of players conspires to win the 1919 World Series. (CC)	Dragon Tales Once he leaves his home of the dragons, Clay. (CC)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (CC)	Antiques Roadshow Limited edition 1930s-era color buttons, German doll, quilt. Part 3 of 3 (CC)	History Detectives An old board game that resembles Monopoly. 10 watercolor. (CC)	Liberty! The American Revolution (Part 2 of 6) (CC)	Charles Rose (CC)				
28	DISC	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced
29	TCF	(6:50) Ang Tanging Ina	Adventures	Insider	The Correspondents	Morning Girls	(15) Kumitang Kabay Bayan	(40) Masayang Tanghal Bayan			(10) Trip Kita	(30) Sarah
30	CNN-I	Larry King Weekend (CC)	CNN World News	World Sport	Business International	Asia Tonight	World Sport	CNN World News	World Sport	Bliz Asia	Business International	
31	GOLF	European PGA Golf Scottish Open - Final Round. From Glasgow, Scotland.										
32	TLC	Green Swamp Outdoor enthusiasts have an indoor mecca that looks exactly like a swamp. (CC)	In a Fix (N)	Four young trauma doctors struggle to provide hope to patients. (CC)	Powerpuff Girls! Cartoon Cartoon	Cartoon shorts.	2 Stupid Dogs	Am Weasel	Sheep in the Big City	Detective Squad		
33	TOON	Samurai Jack	Dexter's Laboratory	Courage the Cowardly Dog	Justice League	Powerpuff Girls! Cartoon Cartoon	Cartoon shorts.	2 Stupid Dogs	Am Weasel	Sheep in the Big City	Detective Squad	
35	ANPL	The Crocodile Hunter Steve searches for some of Africa's most poisonous snakes. (CC)	The Planet's Funniest Animals	The Planet's Funniest Animals	Animal Marbles "Fire Bird" A macaw saves its owner from a fire. (CC)	Wild About Tigers The history of tigers, saving tigers from extinction. (CC)	Miami Animal Police "Raccoon Attack" Wild raccoons take over a woman's home. (CC)	Animal Marbles "Fire Bird" A macaw saves its owner from a fire. (CC)				
36	COM	Late Night Michael Moore: Patton Oswalt; Ozment. (CC)	The Daily Show with Michael Moore. (CC)	***"The Red" (1994, Comedy) Dennis Leary, Judy Davis, Kevin Spacey. A thief comes to regret taking a kidnapping couple hostage. (CC)	South Park Wealthy people die. (CC)	Reno 911! Wrecker's Reno 911! British cops in a murder. (CC)	The Daily Show with Michael Moore. (CC)	Tough Crowd (N)				
40	NGC-A	Wildlife Diary	Giants of the Ice	Toyota World of Wildlife	Planet Wild	Be the Creature "Mexican Free-Tailed Bat" A cave is home to millions of bats. (CC)	Secrets of the Samurai	Alien Underworld A scientist battles to prove her theories about the origins of bacteria. (CC)	Built for the Kill "Forest" Hunting ground within the forest. (CC)			
42	SPIKE	Horsepower TV (CC)	Horsepower TV (CC)	Star Trek: The Next Generation "Who Watches the Watchers?" (CC)	Star Trek: The Next Generation "The Barding" (CC)	***"Holiday Home" (2000, Drama) Ving Rhames, Alfre Woodard, Mykelti Williamson. A drag queen shelters a drug addict and his child. (CC)	Club Comic View Presents	BET Nightly News College Hill (N)				
44	FOX	Fame Lydia rejects a blind teacher's advances and he quits as director of the school play. (CC)	Blind Date Material	Blind Date Material	North Shore "Surprise Party" Nicole's Manhattan friends conspire to throw a birthday party. (CC)	The System Cautious use security and surveillance systems to protect themselves from criminals. (CC)	Forensic Files	The System "Double Jeopardy" (CC)				
46	BET	106.6 Park Pre-Award Show Previewing nominees for the year's BET Awards (N)	NY66 Blue Stone and Spewer discover a family connection to Vincent Del Marco's death. (CC)	The Simpsons	Cheers (CC)	Star News Focus Asia	Just Shoot Me Asia	The Division "Zero Tolerance" (Season Finale) The investigators fight to resolve a hostage crisis. (N)				
48	STR-WD	Baywatch (CC)	The Simpsons	Cheers (CC)	Star News Focus Asia	Just Shoot Me Asia	The Division "Zero Tolerance" (Season Finale) The investigators fight to resolve a hostage crisis. (N)					
50	LIFE	The Golden Girls (N)	The Golden Girls (N)	The Nanny Fran dates Elizabeth Taylor's pearls. (CC)	The Nanny Fran dates Elizabeth Taylor's pearls. (CC)	***"Down and Out in Beverly Hills" (1986, Comedy) Nick Nolte, Betty Miller, Richard Dreyfuss. A derelict ends up in a crazy couple's swimming pool. (CC)	Band of Brothers (CC)	(15) We Stand Alone Together Veterans of Easy Company discuss their experiences in World War II. (CC)				
51	ABC-FM	Full House (CC)	Full House (CC)	7th Heaven (CC)								
53	HIST	***"The Rookie" (2002, Drama) Dennis Quaid, Rachel Griffiths, Jay Hernandez. A high-school baseball coach tries out for the major league. (CC)	History Now "Iraq's Warring Factions" Religious groups vie for power. (CC)									
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58	ADV 1	(6:30) Flight Over Thuli Beri	Chasing Time "Rome" (Part 2 of 2)	In the Footsteps of Livingstone (Part 2 of 2)	TRL (CC)	Road Rules "Extreme: Chile" (CC)	Road Rules "Extreme: Chile" (CC)	Road Rules "Extreme: Chile" (CC)	Faking the Video (N)	The Real World Jacques's mother wins. (CC)	Legends of the Hidden Temple	
59	MTV	Boiling Points	Making the Video "Mass" (N)	Direct Effect	TRL (CC)	Road Rules "Extreme: Chile" (CC)	Road Rules "Extreme: Chile" (CC)	Road Rules "Extreme: Chile" (CC)	Faking the Video (N)	The Real World Jacques's mother wins. (CC)	Legends of the Hidden Temple	
60	NICK	Justice: Judge Spong-Bob SquarePants	Justice: Judge Spong-Bob SquarePants	Justice: Judge Spong-Bob SquarePants	Justice: Judge Spong-Bob SquarePants	Justice: Judge Spong-Bob SquarePants	Justice: Judge Spong-Bob SquarePants	Justice: Judge Spong-Bob SquarePants	Justice: Judge Spong-Bob SquarePants	Justice: Judge Spong-Bob SquarePants	Justice: Judge Spong-Bob SquarePants	Justice: Judge Spong-Bob SquarePants

## JAPAN TV

**Afternoon**  
12:30 Japan Senior High School Baseball: Kanagawa Prefecture Tournament (42)  
1:30 U.S. Movie (1999): Rangers (200) (12)  
3:12 Grand Sumo: The 9th Day (1)  
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# Armstrong sticks with pack, remains sixth

The Associated Press

SAINT-BRIEUC, France — Lance Armstrong finished in a pack of riders behind Italy's Filippo Pozzato in the seventh stage of the Tour de France on Saturday, and remained in sixth place overall after the first week of cycling's premier race.

Armstrong, trying for a record sixth straight Tour victory, finished the stage 55th, 10 seconds behind the winner. He has been ceding stage wins to less-

er-known rivals and sprinters early in the three-week race, waiting for harder stages to make his push to the front.

Pozzato, of the Fasso Bartolo team, led a three-man breakaway and finished the 127.08-mile leg from Chateaubriant to Saint-Brieuc in 4 hours, 31 minutes and 34 seconds — just ahead of Spanish riders Iker Flores of Euskaltel-Euskadi and Francisco Mancho of Illes Balears-B. Santander.

Armstrong is 9 minutes, 35 seconds behind overall leader Thomas Voeckler of

France, who crossed the line in the peloton with the 32-year-old Texan and retained the overall leader's yellow jersey.

Jan Ullrich, the 1997 Tour champion and Armstrong's chief rival, placed 30th in the stage, 10 seconds behind. He is in 22nd place overall, 10:30 back.

Cyclists faced brief showers and windy conditions in the stage, adding to nervous riding.

"We all anticipated that the coast there would be windy and it was for a little bit

when it was storming, but it lined up after we got dry," Armstrong said.

"It was a kind of scary for a while. But what's new?" he said, referring to a first week filled with crashes, including one that briefly brought down the champion on Friday.

Earlier Saturday, the Tour announced that Belgian rider Christophe Brandt tested positive for a heroin substitute and withdrew from the race.

## Youngest Labonte scores first Busch win

By NANCY ARMOUR  
The Associated Press

JOLIET, Ill. — When Justin Labonte rumbled off on his victory lap, waving the checkered flag from his window, it was hard to tell who was prouder — father or son.

Labonte extended his family's winning tradition to another generation Saturday, earning his first NASCAR Busch series victory at the Tropicana Twister 300 as his father Terry looked on.

"To me, personally, it was bigger than any win I've ever had," said Terry Labonte, a two-time NASCAR Winston Cup champion. "I couldn't even talk after the race. It's pretty special, it really is. I don't know what else to say."

Running on Mike Wallace's bumper for the last three laps, Justin Labonte said he didn't think he could catch Wallace. But Wallace ran out of gas after they took the white flag for the final lap, and Justin Labonte flew by him and cruised to the win.

He beat Jason Keller by 0.419 seconds. Jeff Burton was third. "I was going to do a burnout," Justin Labonte said, "but I can remember my dad saying nobody should do a burnout."

Terry Labonte has always been understated in his victory celebrations, getting the checkered flag and holding it out the window as he takes his victory lap. There also was the matter of the engine. Justin Labonte is running part-time on the Busch series this year, and he knew he couldn't afford to blow out his best engine.

So while the rest of the field left the track, Justin Labonte drove to the flagstand and asked for the checkered flag. It dropped on the roof, and lay there for several seconds before Justin climbed halfway out of the car and grabbed it. "He didn't have the fastest car, but something good happened to a good person and a good family, and that's pretty cool to see," Burton said. "He earned the race, nobody gave it to him. People will say he got lucky. They made the right call. They made the right call to win the race."

Justin Labonte won the Late Model Stock championship last year, and made one Busch start in preparation for this year. He had run seven other races, with his best finish an 18th in Charlotte in May.



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# Red-hot Gordon grabs fourth straight pole

BY NANCY ARMOUR  
The Associated Press

**JOLLET, Ill.** — No matter what Jeff Gordon and his crew did in the morning practice session, he kept winning up fourth or fifth.

He wasn't just getting edged out, either. Other cars were easily beating him, and Gordon didn't know where he would be in the extra speed to make another run at the pole.

But as he has with stunning regularity recently, Gordon came through when it counted. He won his fourth straight pole on the NASCAR Nextel Cup circuit Friday, shattering the track record in the Topicalia 400 with a lap of 186.942 mph.

That's more than 2 mph better than the previous mark of 184.786 mph set last year by Tony Stewart.

"I say this every weekend how shocked I am to be here," Gordon said, "but I am."

Qualifying was delayed two hours because of thunderstorms, and Gordon took advantage of the cooler track. He ran one lap on the 1½-mile track, beating the early standard of 186.871 mph set by rookie Kasey Kahne, and decided that he had it needed.

"You just hold on tight and hope that it sticks," he said. "I knew it was a good lap, and I hoped that it was because I couldn't make a second one."

Gordon is the first driver to win

four straight poles since Bill Elliott in 1985, and is one shy of the NASCAR modern era record set by Bobby Allison in 1972 and matched by Cale Yarborough in 1980 and Elliott in 1985.

The pole was the 51st of Gordon's career, tying Bobby Isaac for seventh on the career list.

Jimmie Johnson, the series points leader and Gordon's teammate, took his turn about 30 minutes later after Gordon, but a lap of 186.290 mph was only good enough for third. Brian Vickers was next at 185.750 mph, giving Hendrick Motorsports three of the top four starts.

"I knew it was going to be real close to having Gordon beat it," Kahne said. "It felt good, better

than what we had in practice. It was definitely close to getting the pole, but Jeff just got us."

That's been happening a lot lately. After bad runs at Charlotte and Dover, Gordon began a run at Michigan that has left even him amazed. He won the pole at Michigan and led 81 of 88 laps.

He won his next two races, starting from the pole each time.

"I've been very fortunate to have some good streaks along the way, but this streak is pretty amazing right now," he said. "I just want to maintain this one as long as I can."

Though Gordon is the only driver to run every lap at Chicagoland Speedway, he has never won here, one of only four tracks on

the circuit where he doesn't have a victory. His best finish is second in 2002.

But if he keeps doing what he's been doing, that could change Sunday.

"With each week that we go, that we sit on another pole, that we win another race, the confidence level gets higher and higher," he said.

Gordon trails Johnson by 232 points, a whopping margin in years past. But this year, NASCAR will reset the field with 10 races to go and all drivers in the top 10 and any others within 400 points of the leader will run for the championship.

"Whoever is peaking in those final 10 will be the champion," Johnson said.

## Celebrity: Escaping father's tall shadow wasn't easy

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"One time in a crowd," Gurns says, "I got knocked down to the ground. I mean, that on my back in the middle of that crowd, and for a few moments I couldn't even get up. He just looked back and try to help or anything. He just looked at me and started laughing."

### 'Junior' turns 30?

Shocking and dismal as the thought may be to the NASCAR nation, Earnhardt is closing fast on age 30. In most lives this is a bleak countdown, the first sense of aging. If youth lost, But Earnhardt senses he is hurtling down the homestretch toward some blessed relief.

"I look forward to it," he says, as if the next three months can't pass fast enough. "I don't know why, but I feel like it'll take a lot of pressure off of me."

Maybe the masses, and the media and his peers among NASCAR drivers will at last turn their attentions from what he's going to be, could be, should be, to what he is.

"I think with the coming of maturity comes respect," he says. "I want all of it I can get.... It's funny when people refer to you as 'this kid,' or 'the kid.' You hear that all these years, and you hear 'Junior' this and 'Junior' that. I'm looking forward to turning over that chapter in my life."

And 30, which comes Oct. 10, may well bring another milestone in November. Near the halfway point of his fifth season in the big time, he is a stronger contender than ever to win his first Nextel Cup. Then again, that he means that he is the inevitable extra baggage he already drains. The comparisons, the questions, the references.

"If and when I win a championship, it'll be... I don't know. I should just not even concern myself with it," he says. "Because I am his son, and I knew that coming in here. With my father dead or alive, it wouldn't make any difference."

It will be reviewed by the enormity of the burden that always begins with the written or spoken words: "Son of seven-time Winston Cup champion Dale Earnhardt." The driver with 76 career victories.

The Man in Black. The Intimidator.

The shadow was long enough to make escape impossible, even before the elder Earnhardt was killed in the 2001 Daytona 500, leading NASCAR czar Bill France Jr. to say, "NASCAR has lost its greatest driver ever."

After that, there was no one left to speak for the lineage but the surviving star of the family.

"I was always asked to talk about him," Earnhardt says. "We told the same damn



Courtesy of NASCAR

**Dale Earnhardt Jr. (8) races against Jimmie Johnson in the Coca-Cola 600 at Lowe's Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C. Johnson and Earnhardt are running 1-2 in the NASCAR Nextel Cup points standings entering Sunday's Topicalia 400 at Chicagoland Speedway.**

stories over and over and over. And it's kind of old, you know? We did it over and over and over and over — how Dale Jr. was doing ever since the day his dad was killed. We ran it into the ground."

Finally last offseason, he was feeling some relief, feeling "like my own man." The nation's grip on the "son of" aspect was loosening at last. Then Dale Jr. won the 2004 Daytona 500, and the avalanche of comparison started anew.

"Everybody was like, 'It's been so many days and years since his dad was killed, so many days and years since his dad won here last,' he says. "And I'm like, 'Damn, man. Why the numbers? What's the point? What difference does it make that [my] dad won this race six years ago, Darrell Waltrip won it 15 years ago, and all those other people had their years."

"I swear, when I won that race, the emotion of winning that race, and that day, and the people I was with, was mainly all I was feeling. There weren't any memories. None of the stuff. I never thought about it the whole day."

But in the aftermath, "everybody wanted to talk about how it was connected to my dad in one way or another. And it was like, man, I don't need those links and connections. It's not necessary. We won the race. Write the story about the racing."

That takes none of the thrill out of his return to Daytona International Speedway,

which he always has called his favorite track, for Saturday night's Pepsi 400.

The summer after his father was killed, Earnhardt returned for the next Daytona race, the 400 in July, and won it. That was all the closure he needed with the place his father died.

"It's Daytona, so of course it's special to me and my team to go back there," he says.

### A regular guy

The SUV stops suddenly where half a dozen security guards wait at the gate to a fenced compound with hundreds of fans inside, having paid for the privilege of seeing Dale Earnhardt Jr. up close.

There'll be no autographs. There's not nearly enough time. Signing one would set off the frenzy, and he'd have to sign a thousand. So to please the fans, Earnhardt will grab a microphone and engage in the new staple of NASCAR personal appearances, the Q&A session.

In a matter of seconds, in the swarm of security, he is whisked the eight or 10 feet from the SUV into the compound — and still there are the toy cars, caps, T-shirts and jackets fans hold out desperately, pleading for a signature.

His emergence onto the stage evokes a roar from within the compound, and from without; now the milling legends know who was in the vehicle with the sirens and flashing lights.

From the crowd, a question: "What do you think you would be doing if you weren't driving cars?"

The answer: "Probably working out on some dealership. After I got out of high school, I worked at a dealership for three and a half years."

And there it is, his certification as Everyman, one who has labored in obscurity like them, is not above them, is from among them.

Except for the name that has been both his wings and his chains.

Even if he remained a dealership mechanic today, he would still be Dale Earnhardt Jr., answering the opposite kind of questions: Why didn't he race? Why didn't he at the pinnacle?

The appearance ends, and the knot of white-shirted guards tightens around him again for the 10-second sweep back into the SUV, and the doors close to the refrains of a woman's voice: "You one picture! Just one picture!"

### A comfort level

What troubled him most during his first few seasons in Cup wasn't so much the great expectations as that he didn't feel he was fulfilling them. He wasn't winning enough, wasn't running up front consistently, wasn't contending for the championship his father had almost personally built into the primary goal of any NASCAR driver.

He has three wins this season, tied with Jimmie Johnson and Jeff Gordon for most on the tour. He and Johnson are dueling about the point standings. He's 27 behind Johnson, and his Dale Earnhardt Inc. Team has found the key to championships: getting the best finish possible out of a bad day when the car isn't capable of winning.

"I used to look at our team as incomplete. Inconsistent, incapable, hit-and-miss," Earnhardt says. "Now I look at our team as solid, a standard, a mainstay up toward the front of the field, a good car capable of going everywhere and running great."

He doesn't worry about the standings because NASCAR's new system this year will take the top 10 in points, bunch them up with only a 50-point differential between first place and 10th, and turn those drivers loose in a "championship chase." A sort of playoff, for the final 10 races of the season.

"Being in the top 10 in points — all it is right now is bragging rights," he says. "That's it."

At last, at least, he feels comfortable that he is living up to billing.

"I feel confident in what I'm doing, and I feel good. I feel like a mainstay now. I feel long-term."

And on his own, he is an icon.

# Yokota moves into first

Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — A new team is perched atop the U.S. Forces Japan-American Football League standings.

Quarterback Bruce Turner threw a touchdown pass and ran 30 yards to set up another score in the third quarter Saturday as the Yokota Raiders (2-0) rallied from a 7-0 deficit to upend the Misawa Marauders 26-13 and take sole possession of first place.

It's the first time since 1997, in the old USFL league, that Yokota has been in first. Yokota had on occasion shared the top spot with four-time defending champion Yokosuka.

"Outstanding. That's great," said Yokota's offensive coordinator Jake Dowdell, who assumed head coaching duties when Rick Young was away on assignment.

"The guys showed great character in coming back. I know Coach Young is going to be happy to hear how we did."

**Yokota 26, Misawa 13:** The Raiders capitalized when the Marauders failed to convert on fourth-and-five at their own 25. Turner then found Phillip Ryan in the end zone with a 20-yard pass that gave Yokota the lead for good.

Early in the second half, Turner ran 30 yards to set up a first-and-goal at the Misawa 8-yard line. Jason Wilson rammed into the end zone on the next play.



JIM SCHULZ/Stars and Stripes

Yokota Raiders' Daniel Hutcherson, right, blocks for Kevin Hill during the Raiders' 26-13 victory over the Misawa Marauders on Saturday.

Turner, normally a wideout, was filling in for Dowdell, who was sidelined with foot toe.

Marcus Leivas capped Yokota's scoring with a 20-yard run. John Pappas tackled on a 4-yard run with just over 2 minutes left for Misawa.

Kevin Hill began a rally with a 1-yard scoring run that got Yokota within 7-6, after Misawa had went up 7-0 on Terry Lang's 55-yard run and David Varnar's extra-point kick.

**Yokosuka 36, Atsugi 0:** At Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan, Yokosuka righted itself after a season-opening loss to Yokota. The Seahawks forced four turnovers and recorded six sacks in a shut-out of the winless White Dolphins.

Will Hall, having split at quarterback with Justin Victor, returned to full-time duty and ran 3 yards for one touchdown and passed 20 yards to Robert Trisby for another.

Aaron Stegall added touchdown runs of 1 and 2 yards.

Former longtime White Dolphin Ryan York haunted his former team by returning a fumble 22 yards for a TD.

Trisby and Jamal Wells picked off one pass each, Thomas Curry had two sacks and a fumble recovery, Stephen Fox had 13 tackles and Gary Hicks, with four sacks, ran his season total to seven.

The White Dolphins (0-2), who dressed 19 players, have yet to score a point and have given up 88 points.

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# B. Barry agrees to deal with Spurs

The Associated Press

**SEATTLE** — Free agent guard Brent Barry has reached agreement to join the San Antonio Spurs, leaving the Seattle SuperSonics to play alongside Tim Duncan and improve his shot at an NBA title.

"Brent called and informed us that if everything goes according to plan, he expects to sign with San Antonio," Sonics General Manager Rick Sund said Saturday. "If that's the case, we certainly wish him well."

The four-year deal is believed to be worth between \$22 and \$24 million.

Seattle initially offered the 32-year-old Barry three years at \$17.75 million, with a counteroffer near San Antonio's proposal but worth more in the first three years and with a partially guaranteed fourth year.

Instead, Barry chose to join one of the NBA's elite teams. He's also likely to extend his career as a spot shooter coming off the bench.

Sund refused to confirm details of either team's proposal. Teams cannot discuss agreements until Wednesday, when free agents

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can begin signing with teams and the salary cap is set for next season.

Other teams believed to be pursuing Barry included the Portland Trail Blazers and Golden State Warriors.

Barry ranked second in the NBA last season in three-point shooting, making 45.2 percent of his shots. He averaged 10.8 points and 5.8 assists, but the best measure of his value was Seattle's 7-16 record when Barry missed 23 games with a broken right hand.

## NASCAR changes scoring on pit road during caution

**JOLIET, Ill.** — Recognizing that complicated rules changes have led to new problems, NASCAR President Mike Helton said Saturday the series will return to its old way of scoring cars on pit road under a caution.

The positions of the cars on the track will be "frozen" once the yellow flag waves, but Helton said pit lane will not be active.

The change is effective immedi-

ately, and will affect all three of NASCAR's top series.

"That's how we used to do it, and it's pretty black-and-white," Helton said.

Unlike many racing bodies, NASCAR does not revert back to the order of the last completed green-flag lap when there's a caution.

Drivers used to race to the finish line when a yellow flag came out, but NASCAR scrapped that practice last fall for safety considerations.

Instead, NASCAR decided to "freeze the field" under caution. The change has caused much debate — and confusion — over how to freeze the drivers' position, and Helton was forced to apologize after drivers at the MBNA 400 in Dover ran 24 laps under caution while officials struggled to figure out the correct order of cars.

## Swedish Open semis rained out

**BASTAD, Sweden** — The semifinals in singles and doubles were rained out Saturday in the Swedish Open.

Weather permitting, the matches will be played Sunday morning followed by the finals early afternoon.

# Jones struggles in 100 quarters

The Associated Press

**SACRAMENTO, Calif.** — Mariano Jones wasn't talking during the first day of the U.S. track and field trials. She wasn't running all that fast, either.

Jones was the seventh-fastest of the 16 qualifiers in the 100-meter quarterfinals Friday at 11:38 seconds, then slipped off the track the back way, sending notice she would not talk to reporters until after the final.

Laurn Williams, the 20-year-old NCAA champion from Miami who has the second-best time in the world this year (10:97), was the fastest qualifier at 11:13 seconds. All of the runners raced into a head wind at the Cal State-Sacramento track.

"Really great, super great," she said. "Things weren't coming together out on the practice track and I was pretty nervous. But it turned out to be a good nervous."

Four years ago, Jones blew away the competition in the trials in the 100, including a 10:92 in the quarterfinals. She went on to win an unprecedented five track medals in the Sydney Games, three of them gold.

But she took last year off to have a baby, and this year has been preparing for her Olympic bid under the cloud of an investigation by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency.

She has repeatedly, vehemently denied ever taking performance-enhancing substances.

Jones has not been accused of doping offenses, but her boyfriend Tim Montgomery has been charged with taking banned performance enhancers and could face a lifetime ban, even though he did not test positive.

The charges against Montgomery and three others competing in the trials stem from the criminal investigation into the Bay Area Laboratory Cooperative.

Christy Gaines, one of the four accused, was eighth-fastest in the 100 qualifying in 11:39.

That could explain why the nor-

## Olympic trials

mally outgoing, smiling Jones, who usually has no problem stopping to chat briefly with reporters after qualifying rounds, was grim through her brief time on the track Friday.

"She isn't at the point where she was in previous years," said Inger Miller, the 1999 world champion and second-fastest in the quarterfinals Friday with a time of 11:28. "It's yet to be seen where she is."

The 100 is the first of Jones' three events at the trials. She also plans to compete in the long jump and 200.

Meb Keflezighi was the meet's first winner, running away with the men's 10,000 in 27 minutes, 36.49 seconds. He broke the trials record set 24 years ago by Craig Virgin, but the time was only the 15th-fastest in the world this year.

The top three in each event in the nine-day trials will make the U.S. team in Athens, providing they've met the Olympic quality standard. The top three in the 10,000 — Keflezighi, Abdi Abdirahman and Dan Browne — have met the standard.

## Coughlin qualifies for U.S. swim team

**LONG BEACH, Calif.** — Natalie Coughlin finally made her first Olympic swimming team.

Derailed four years ago, she easily won the 100-meter backstroke Friday night in the U.S. trials, finishing 1:39 seconds ahead of former California teammate Haley Cope.

"We've been hatching this plot for a while and it's fun to see it come to fruition," Cope said.

Coughlin's time of 59.85 seconds was off her 2-year-old world record of 59.58, but the only woman to go under 1 minute in the event did so again. Cope finished in 1:01.24.

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# Jeter's clutch hit lifts N.Y.

BY MIKE FITZPATRICK

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Derek Jeter's three-run double snapped a seventh-inning tie, Alex Rodriguez homered into the left field upper deck and the New York Yankees beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 6-3 on Saturday.

Jon Lieber (7-5) gave the Yankees their best start in more than two weeks, pitching seven solid innings to win his second consecutive outing. New York has beaten Tampa Bay three straight times after dropping five of six against the New York Mets and Detroit.

The Devil Rays lost for the ninth time in their last 10 games at Yankee Stadium and fell to 4-7 in July after going 20-6 in June.

It's only the second series they've lost in their past 15.

With the score tied at 2 in the seventh, Hideki Matsui and Miguel Cairo hit one-out singles off Devon Brazelton (2-2). Jesus Colome walked. Kenny Lofton, leading the bases, before Bernie Williams bounced into a force play at the plate.

But Jeter lined a shot that rolled to the wall in right-center, scoring the runners to the delight of a sellout crowd of 54,680 on Old-timers' Day at Yankee Stadium.

Jeter reached third on the throw to the plate and scored when third baseman Aubrey Huff booted Gary Sheffield's grounder for an error that made it 6-2.

Tom Gordon allowed a run in

the eighth, but Mariano Rivera needed just five pitches to get three outs for his AL-leading 32nd save in 33 chances. He's saved the first three games of the series after not pitching for six days.

Rivera also moved into sole possession of 11th place on the career saves list with 315, passing Robb Nen.

Lieber became the first New York starter to lead seven innings since Javier Vazquez beat Baltimore 5-2 on June 24.

On Friday, Paul Quantrill relieved Vazquez (10-5) with a 2-0 count and the bases loaded in the sixth inning and escaped the jam in the Yankees' 5-4 win. Rivera gave up a run in the ninth, then retired Rocco Baldelli on a foul pop with the bases loaded to end it.

## Red Sox follow Damon's lead

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Johnny Damon and the Boston Red Sox aren't ready to concede the AL East title just yet.

Damon went 4-for-5 with two homers and four RBIs, Bronson Arroyo allowed three hits in eight innings for his first win since May 15 and Boston beat the Texas Rangers 7-0 Friday night.

The Red Sox won their fourth straight, their longest streak since winning five in a row May 21-26. After falling 8½ games behind the first-place New York Yankees last week, Boston has cut the deficit to six.

"I wish I knew what I was doing so I could bottle it up and keep it going," Damon said. "We feel like we can still win the East and don't like to be written off."

Damon, who extended his hitting streak to 14 games with a first-inning single, led off the fifth with his eighth home run to put Boston ahead 2-0. He followed with a two-out double in the sixth that drove in a pair of runs and made it 5-0.

Damon homered into the Rangers' bullpen in the eighth and finished a triple shy of the cycle. He's batted .447 during his hitting streak, the longest by a Red Sox player this season.

With Boston ahead 2-0, Nomar Garciaparra led off the sixth with a single, and Texas starter Joaquin Benoit walked Troy Nixon and hit Kevin Millar with a pitch to load the bases.

Bill Mueller's sacrifice fly made it 3-0, and Damon's double off reliever Ron Mahay drove home Nixon and Millar.



Boston's Johnny Damon, right, is embraced by teammate David Ortiz after his fifth-inning home run in the Red Sox's 7-0 victory over the Texas Rangers.

Nixon gave the Red Sox a 6-0 lead with an RBI single in the seventh.

Arroyo (3-7) matched his season high with seven strikeouts and allowed just one hit after the first inning, lowering his ERA from 4.50 to 4.09 while earning his first career win at Fenway Park.

Considering the recent struggles of Derek Lowe and a dearth of quality starters on the trade market, Boston's best hope for a boost for their rotation remains Arroyo, who had dropped six straight decisions but has a 2.44 ERA in his past six starts.

"We can let [Arroyo] hide in the weeds. That's what our horses are for in the front of the rotation," catcher Jason Varitek said.

Curtis Leskanen pitched a perfect ninth to finish Boston's eighth shutout of the season. The Rangers were blanked for the fourth time.

## Lee breaks out in White Sox win

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Carlos Lee is starting to find his power stroke just in time for the Chicago White Sox.

Lee homered twice and drove in five runs, and Jon Garland (7-5) pitched seven solid innings to lead Chicago over the slumping Seattle Mariners 6-2 Friday night.

With slugger Frank Thomas headed to the disabled list, the White Sox need some big hits from Lee — and he's beginning to deliver.

Lee has three homers in two games and has hit four of his nine home runs in the last week.

"I had a great approach going the other way, but I couldn't get to the inside pitch as well. Now that I got it I just have to keep on working on it," Lee said. "Just don't try to do too much, swing at strikes and let the bat do it."

The Mariners have lost a season-high seven straight games. At 32-52, Seattle is 20 games behind .500 for the first time since Aug. 5, 1994. They've also lost 10 straight on the road.

Seattle manager Bob Melvin doesn't think the Mariners are getting complacent.

"It's dangerous to just go through the motions and I don't think we were," Melvin said.

Magglio Ordonez went 2-for-4 with an RBI for Chicago in his first game since coming off the disabled list. The All-Star slugger missed 36 games after tearing cartilage in his left knee.

"Not too many players come out like that on live pitching," White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen said. "Hopefully, he can continue to do that and make my lineup stronger."

The White Sox learned before the game they will lose Thomas to an injury. Chicago plans to put Thomas on the 15-day disabled list Saturday because of inflammation in his left ankle.

"We are going to miss his bat. Frank is one of the best hitters in the game," Ordonez said.



Cleveland Indians pinch hitter Lou Merloni celebrates his game-winning two-RBI single off Oakland Athletics pitcher Octavio Dotel in the ninth inning Friday in Cleveland. The Indians beat the Athletics 5-4.

## Dotel disappoints as Indians stop A's again

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Even with a new closer, the Oakland Athletics couldn't put away those pesky Cleveland Indians.

Pinch-hitter Lou Merloni's two-run single off Octavio Dotel in the ninth inning gave Cleveland another thrilling victory over the Athletics, 5-4 on Friday night.

The Indians have beaten the A's four straight times at home this season — with each one coming in their final at-bat.

"It's kind of a broken record here," Oakland manager Ken Macha said. "That's four in a row."

Cleveland had been 0-30 when trailing after eight innings. But the Indians rallied for three runs against Dotel, acquired from Houston in a three-way trade June 25 to shore up Oakland's shaky bullpen.

He hasn't been the answer. Dotel (1-1) has a 6.97 ERA and two blown saves in four chances with the A's.

The hard-throwing right-hander knew he grooved his first pitch to Merloni.

"I was trying to get ahead," Dotel said. "I didn't want to throw a breaking pitch."

Oakland took a two-run lead into the ninth, but Travis Hafner's RBI double cut it to 4-3. With the bases loaded and two outs, Merloni lined the first pitch from Dotel down the left-field line to score Omar Vizquel and Hafner before being mobbed by his teammates.

"My first walk-off hit ever," Merloni said. "It's kind of a ritual here to get beat up when you do it. I've got to go ice down."

Cleveland's latest dramatic victory over Oakland gave reliever

## AL Roundup

Bobby Howry (1-0) his first win since Aug. 21, 2002, for the Chicago White Sox.

The A's have dropped four in a row overall.

Eric Chavez was back in Oakland's lineup after missing more than five weeks with a broken right hand. The third baseman went 2-for-3 with an RBI, walked twice, scored a run and made a dazzling defensive play in the eighth inning.

**Angels 5, Blue Jays 4:** A Bartolo Colon (6-8) pitched seven solid innings for his second win in 11 starts, and Vladimir Guerrero drove in three runs for visiting Anaheim.

Francisco Rodriguez pitched a perfect eighth, and Troy Percival got his 14th save in 18 chances.

AL Cy Young Award winner Roy Halladay (7-6) gave up five runs and a career-high 12 hits — all singles — in six innings.

**Royals 7, Orioles 0:** Mike Sweeney ended Kansas City's club-record streak of 32 scoreless innings with a two-run double in the sixth, and the Royals won for the third time in five games.

Darrell May (6-9) pitched a five-hitter for his third career shutout, just 11 days after yielding seven runs and eight hits in a 10-1 loss to Baltimore.

**Tigers 5, Twins 3:** Jason Smith hit two of Detroit's three homers, and Carlos Guillen had a three-run shot at the Metrodome. Gary Knotts (5-3) beat Carlos Silva (8-7) for his first win in five starts, and Ugueth Urbina earned his 13th save in 15 chances.



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# New Chevy Celebrity

## Earnhardt Jr.'s star transcends NASCAR

BY ED HINTON  
*The Orlando Sentinel*

ORLANDO, Fla. — The shrieking siren parts the seas of people, and many stop and gawk at the unmarked SUV with its deeply tinted windows and flashing blue lights.

They cannot tell who is inside. If they could, they would collapse around him, swarm him frighteningly, as so many walls of people do on Sunday mornings when he is transported by open golf cart to his pre-race personal appearances at racetracks.

In the backseat, barely awake, in T-shirt, jeans and sunglasses, sits Dale Earnhardt Jr., the real and unassuming version of the high-priced human commodity, the pop-culture icon.

He'd just as soon still be in bed in his million-dollar motor coach in the private, high-fenced, highly secure compound reserved for drivers and owners in the infield. But this appearance is easy enough, relatively speaking. Michigan International Speedway is a traditional old NASCAR track where fans, by and large, behave themselves.

"Here, everybody knows the deal," he

says. "Michigan, everybody knows the routine. They've been doing it for years."

For real bedlam, "mostly it's the new places we go. You go to Kansas, or even Texas still, and man there he goes into his impression of a disc jockey, cheerleading on the P.A. system at a celebrity personal appearance, they're in a fren-zee! They can't believe it! They been waitin' all year for this [expletive]! And it's here now! And they're crazy!"

More bewildering and scary still are the appearances that have little to do with racing and a lot to do with America's perception

of the image, the name that has transcended NASCAR more than his late father's ever did.

"When we go to MTV deals or VH1 deals or anywhere in Hollywood or do any kind of talk show, it's like another world," he says. "It's not something I know much about. Not that it's bad, or that I don't like it. There's just not the comfort level that you have here. This (the track) is like my living room, my bedroom, my backyard, everything. I'm really blind to those [other] deals."

"Jade (Guss, his press agent and aide de camp) has to remind me, 'Man, you're more popular than you imagine.' Because I'm always like, 'Man, I'm not supposed to be here; I don't feel like I belong here. I'm not at this level, man. Let's get out of here, man.' And he's like, 'Dude, you just don't know, man. Everybody wants you here. Everything's cool.'"

The madness of it all sometimes translates into mirth for Earnhardt.

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clash in Week 2 of  
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As NASCAR's most popular driver and a pop-culture icon, Dale Earnhardt Jr. has grown used to the spotlight, whether it means taping a segment with Craig Kilborn for CBS' "The Late, Late Show" (top) or rubbing elbows with celebrities like Jamie-Lynn Discala of "The Sopranos" (above) or rock star Lenny Kravitz (far left).

Photos courtesy of NASCAR

